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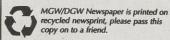
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Sincerely. Jay Eddy

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Dear Editor,

The following letter was sent to the Governor in Mississippi:

Dear Governor Fordice:

Contrary to the beliefs of the politically active "AFA" evangeli-cal fundamentalists we, in the Log Cabin Club of Florida, find such "religious inquisitors" not only defying "freedom of religion" but "freedom from religious persecu-

It is obvious that one day they too will apologize to non-hetero-sexuals, as did the Southern Baptists to non-whites, for the misuse of the Bible and the Christian faith as a tool to enslave, demonize, create fear, and instill hate.

We are sorry that you have not taken the time to understand. Likewise, many caring, loving, and dedicated-loyal-American nonheterosexuals apologize for not reaching out so that their pain could be understood by you and other fine Mississippia

Respectfully yours, M. Warren, President Broward Log Cabin Club of

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UNDER THE DOME

Gay Leaders Meet with Vice President Gore



Vice President Gore met with several leaders from the Gay and Lesbian community to discuss a range of topics. Jeff Tramel, Co-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, Keith Boykin, Executive Director of the Notional Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership forum, Richard Socarides, Labor Department official, Kerry Lobell, Executive Director of the Notional Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and Roberta Achtenberg, Senior Advisor the Secretary for Housing and Urban Development. To the Vice President's right is Martin Ornelas-Qqunteras, Executive Director of the Latino/Latina Lesbian and Gay Organization. Also attending was Elizabeth Birch, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign and Jeff Soref, Co-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Empire State Pride Agenda.

Life Lobby Announces Legislative Agenda

IFE: California's Lesbian/Gay and AIDS Lobby announced their agenda: Civil Rights Legislation will include strong domestic partnership legislation from a statewide registry to health insurance benefits. LIFE is honored to be working on domestic partner policy with authors Assembly Members Murray, Migden, and Keeley, and Senator Hayden.

Act, and Assembly Member Fred Keeley's measure to clarify and augment protection in California's La-

Assembly Member Kevin Murray's the support the proposed funding

On the employment and hous- bill, AB 53 which would prohibit ing protection forefront, LIFE is sponsoring Assembly Member Villaraigosa's AB 257 to add "sexual orientation" to the Fair Housing AB 101 known as the "Dignity for All Students" bill; this measure would add "sexual orientation" to all sections of California's Education Code which prohibit discrimi-Other legislation will include nation. HIV/healthcare agenda for

increase to the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP); supporting legislation by Senator John Vasconcellos to study and clarify the Compassionate Use Act of 1996, the Medical Use of Marijuana initiative; and supporting forthcoming legis-lation to end California's growing rates of HIV infection and to ensure quality of life for people living with HIV and AIDS.

LIFE: agenda will also include coordinating a lobbying effort and roundtable discussion of transgender civil rights and health care issues.

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Gays and Lesbians Have Sex Together, Right? To break up the monotony or our everyday struggle against the property of the searched high and law to bring you the

oppression Mom has searched high and low to bring you the following. She hopes to make this a regular feature.

was amusing myself recently by flipping through some of my old journals and some of the phases I went through were (looking back) really hysterical! Starting with the whole sexual equality thing where I dropped the gender from words (lasted a whole 2 weeks). And then there was the whole "writing-my-dates-like-Star-Trek" thing. Yes, I am forever and always a die-hard Trekkie. But one phase I never grew out of was keeping a special journal with nothing but quotes and conversations that shall we say - made me double over with laughter.

Yes, in my short 26 years on this earth, I have been privileged to hear some of the dumbest things ever said by man -I mean "person" - kind. I, of course, will refrain from the more popular quotes like "what a waste it is to lose one's mind", donated by former V.P. Dan Quayle. Though I love to Republican-presidency bash, I kinda like Dan (you know, now that he's way far away from the thermo-nuclear device launchers).

And I'll let slide the little things like "Mark, What's your name?", "You're a comedian? Say something funny." and the ever popular "Oh my (insert relationship here) is gay, too. I don't mind you people, really."

No, I'll stick to the stupidest things uttered by well, say my family and the few unknowing pedestrians who happened to be within my earshot. I know, I know, you think I'm heartless and cruel to expose the indiscretions of those closest to me, but what else are they good for?

I mean, who could resist talking about my Great Aunt? A woman who for ten years let her second husband call her "Fellatio" and thought it was a French term meaning "Dear One." Kidding? Absolutely not!

And who could refrain from relating the experience of being with my father and his beer guzzling, Reba McEntire loving friends in San Francisco? Standing outside a leather bar while they talk about there being "a lot of pansy fags in this town." Duck, Dad!

A few years ago, my father started dating a woman only three years older than I am, and she (finally) got a clue and realized why I was the only man who would go with her into a Lane Bryant and not be terrified of the underwear section. But she apparently never really understood what "gay" meant. This thought occurred to me after she once, out of the blue, asked "So, gays and lesbians have sex with each other, right?" My answer? Well, they can, I guess. But it would kinda defeat the reason of calling themselves gay and lesbian."

Naive? Maybe so, but not an isolated incident. My mother's friends 15 year old son had found out I was gay and in a moment of trying to be hip told me it was okay with him (as if I was holding my breath) and he thought gay guys were "cool. That way Lesbians had someone to have sex with." E=MChuh?

Another entry in the DUH! category was when a friend of mine from Cuba was watching Madonna's Truth or Dare video and suddenly said "I didn't realize this movie was so old. It's filmed in black and white." After a moment of waiting for his head to spontaneously combust...I explained: "Actually, they knew a long time ago that Madonna would be too busy to make this, so they filmed those parts back in the 50's. That's actually Bette Davis." I don't know if he ever realized I was joking, I mean, right now there could be a doctor in Cuba thinking Bette Davis simulated oral sex on a Coke bottle. Let's hope he doesn't realize it during a bypass. But if he does - hey, not my aisle.▼

Matthew Burlingame-Couk is a long time Sacramento resident whom fate has seen to surround with idiots. He welcomes your Praise and Adoration. MGW 1725 L St., Sac. CA 95814

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From a trip to the World Series in New York City, to the gift of a Bassett Hound puppy, the Makea-Wish Foundation has brought sunshine to the lives of hundreds of children who bear the burden of a life-threatening illness. As their signature event, the Winter Wine Festival is the primary fundraiser for this foundation. Held on February, 21, at the Sacramento Convention Center on J Street, monies were raised through. ticket sales, a silent auction, and an exclusive Live Wine Auction-over three hours of fun!

With several spotlights light-

ing up the sky, I was worried the evening would be as crowded and stuffy as a Catholic Midnight Mass. Fortunately, no one fainted, as there was plenty of room for everyone to satisfy their appetites. I think one of the longest lines, ironically, was at the Java City booth. No problem, here: that meant more Caymus Special Selection Cabernet for me! Another line several minutes long was the Morton's of Chicago line. They served a beautiful buffet of cheeses, roast beef sandwiches, and more. With approximately sixty participating wineries and forty-two local restaurants, there was plenty to



Upon en-

tering arena, we were faced with a welcome sight: fresh oysters from Scott's Seafood Grill & Bar. I would have made a nuisance of myself there all night, until I was tempted away with the sight Chardonnay at Flora Springs Winery and St. Clement. On my way to the Clement booth, I was fortunate to obtheir serve server pouring concealed bottle of reserve Cabernet! Well, I wasn't going

to let him get by

me. I laid bare his shame, and he acquiesced in sharing his booty. I didn't want to leave, but I saw people walking by with jerk chicken wings and spring rolls from Tower Cafe, then crusty bread and gnocci from Il Fornaio. Off and running!

The whole evening was outstanding! When I got past my initial hunger pangs, I started to pay more attention to people around me. In attendance were Stan Atkinson (I like him!), Jennifer Whitney (KOVR Channel 13), and Jim Hall (KSSJ). I also saw my favorite wine shop owner, David Berkeley, who was nestled in between Livingston Wines and Oakville Ranch Vineyards.

The Make-a-Wish Foundation has done it again. I left with my souvenir wine glass, and a tummy full of tira misu. No doubt I will be back next year (for more Fonseca Ten-Year Port!). I still can't believe it: Caymus Special Selection!

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ENTERTAINMENT

Absolut Mardi Gras 1997 Most Successful Ever

West Hollywood Streets Were The Preferred Stomping Grounds For Costumed Merry-Makers on Fat Tuesday (February 11th)

his year there was simply no need to trek to New Orleans or Brazil for a fullscale Mardi Gras experience. The combine effort of Absolut Vodka, West Hollywood bars and restaurants and the collective, celebratory spirits of West Hollywood residents have made the city a premier Mardi Gras destination in its own right. Women's participation, in particular, saw a substantial increase from years past.

"We're very impressed with the growth of this event," says Gras Madness party which took the growth of this event," says
Absolut Southern California Special

Gras Madness party which took
place at Girl Bar on Friday, Febru-

Events Manager Bryan Carter. "The ary 7th, that boasted 600 women. fact that West Hollywood Mardi In addition, The Palms featured



It took 5 men to hold up this very heavy bottle of Absolut: John Maceri, Director of Homestead Hospice; Michael Niemeyer, owner of Mickey's night club; Mark Bates, owner of Revolver; Michael LeChasseur of the Shed night club; Steve Diamond, Absolut Marketing Manger Western Region.

Gras keeps getting bigger and bigger every year is a testament to the city's economic viability and the commitment of its residents to support local business. I'm extremely proud to be involved with the event and look forward to participating

in it for many years to come".

The 31 days of Mardi Gras commenced on January 13th with a kick-off party at The Shed. During the month-long celebration, more than 50 local bars and restaurants held over 100 on-premises promotions and sponsored a series of charity events benefiting Homestead Hospice and Shelter.

Of particular note was the intensified effort to increase women's involvement. "This year's Mardi Gras was definitely the most festive year for women due to the number of parties targeted specifically to them," said Female FYI publisher Rita Boyadjian. "The combine efforts of Absolut, Female FYI and Girl Bar helped make it an enormous success." Absolut Vodka and Female FYI and Girl Bar that drew a crowd of 150 women. The big-

daily Absolut happy hours Mondays through Fridays and The Shed sponsored Lady's Night every Monday during the 31-day period.

The grand finale took place on Fat Tuesday, February 11th. Guests who attended this week may have noticed that they had more area in which to party. Whereas last year's party goers were confined to a twoblock radius, this year the block party stretched all the way from Palm to Robertson, including the closure of a portion of San Vicente Boulevard.

Revelers witnessed the colorful whimsy that only West Hollywood can offer. In addition to the obligatory masks and beads worn by hundreds of bare-chested men, there were costumes of particularly exquisite creativity and imagination. A handful of notables included a very voluptuous, very colorful drag version of Carmen Miranda, a dead ringer for Ru Paul, a living, breathing, walking timepiece and a divine queen with breasts lit by blinking lights.



The Palms manager Kris Yamagata poses with DJ Claudette and several patrons celebrating Absolut

Calling All Lesbians: Dinah Shore!

T Productions announced the official San Francisco Kick Off Party, March 15th at The Endup to promote The Club Skirts & Girl Bar Dinah Shore Weekend events which take place at March 27-30th in Palm Springs.

The San Francisco "Dinah Kick Off Party" at The Girl Spot gives local women a chance to see slides and video of past Dinah Shore Weekend, and win party passports to the event, valued at \$75 each. The Girl Spot is owned and operated by Mariah Hanson, who also owns Club Skirts, the company that co-produces The Club Skirts & Girl Bar Dinah Shore Weekend.

The Club Skirts & Girl Bar Dinah Shore Weekend is now in its seventh year. Taking over two three star hotels with over 870 rooms per night, the two companies present a glossy, fast paced, adventuresome weekend for women. the kick off cocktail reception in Plasm Springs de-

buts Thursday, March 27 at The Wyndham Hotel, followed by a Friday night comedy show with Lea Delaria, Maggie Cassella and Amy Boyd at The Riviera Resort. Also on Friday, The Wyndham hosts The White Party, the largest Friday night party in the desert. The Riviera's pool hosts an informal pool party & BBQ Saturday night; The Riviera's grand ballroom hosts the largest women's party in the nation, this year titled, "Mardi Gras Madness." Sunday day at The Wyndham is a massive pool party with over 3,000 women. Sunday night, the last party, takes place at Chillers nightclub, and is called "Amnesia." Info: 415-864-

The Napa Valley Blasts off at the Academy Awards Benefit

On Monday, March 24th, the Napa Valley will raise money for AIDS service organizations at the 9th Annual Napa Valley Academy Benefit "Star Awards!" This event has raised over \$200,000 with net proceeds benefiting the HIV Net-work at Queen of the Valley Hospital and the Napa Valley AIDS

"May the cause be with you..." is the message at this year's event, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Napa Valley Exposition located at 575 Third Street in downtown Napa. Guests are treated to a large screen simulcast of the Academy Awards, Napa Valley's ultimate "Monday Night Disco!". This year, dance club diva Martha Wash will perform her smash hits "It's Raining Men", "Everybody, Everybody" and the huge hit "Gonna Make You Sweat" (Everybody Dance Now). Tickets: BASS Tower/ 707-546-BASS; \$50 general admission, \$750 for a reserved table of ten and \$100 for the black tie dinner. Info: 707-257-8686.▼





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Momentum is gaining, and again it is crucial to send support for Ellen's coming out to ensure the first-ever openly lesbian or gay title character on television. The show was placed on hiatus and then reinstated recently after a letter campaign by GLAAD, but ABC Entertainment President Jamie Tarses still refuses to commit to whether the episode will actually run. Radical religious groups still seek to control what you can see on television, and have staked out Ellen as one of the main battlegrounds. Help make history!

Write Disney and ABC and tell them that it is high time to let Ellen out.

Contact: Jamie Tarses, Entertainment President, ABC, 2040 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90067, fax: 310.557.7679, e-mail: abcaudr@ccabc.com; Michael Eisner, CEO, David Neuman, President, Walt Disney Television, The Walt Disney Company, 500 South Buena Vista, Burbank, California 91521, fax: Michael Eisner 818.560.5155, e-mail through feedback form on WWW: http://www.tvplex.com/Note.

Rosie's Big "Inning"

With a stern look and a few words, Rosie O'Donnell has started "inning," celebrities on her show. On the January 20 episode of the Rosie O'Donnell Show, Kathy Kinney (The Drew Carey Show) recounted a story about going to Ri-chard Simmons' aerobic studio in Los Angeles. "Richard was pretty enamored with my tall, handsome [male] friend," Kinney said. "So he kept ponying over to me." Rosie's eyes narrowed slightly and she interrupted, "I think he just liked you." Kinney, wanting to continue her story, said, "I actually don't think so." Rosie's eyes widened, and she shook her head slightly as if to admonish Kinney, and repeated, "No, I think he did." Kinney broke, saying, "Oh, he liked me, he liked me a lot," and Rosie, further scurrying to closet Richard Simmons, added, "It was all about you."

Within this moment is a rare glimpse at the tyranny of "inning" which goes on constantly within the media. Rosie, in her zeal to cover up the discussion of sexual orientation, forced Kinney to change facts to the point of absurdity. Rosie is guilty of "inning" a celebrity which must be seen as far worse than outing one. After all, if a closeted gay celebrity is outed, the truth is at least still being told. Rosie, and others who engage in "inning," are

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CBS Builds Lesbian Bridges

Following a gay wedding episode on January 31, CBS's San Francisco-based Nash Bridges came back February 7 with the title character's (Don Johnson) sister, Stacy (Angela Dorhmann) announcing she is a lesbian. After Stacy is attacked, Nash comes to her house to investigate. His ex-girlfriend, Sam shows up unexpectedly, and as the two women kiss, Nash realizes that his ex has now become his sister's girlfriend. While Nash is completely accepting, their father remains clueless and tries to set Stacy up on a date, even though she tells him she's "dating women now." By the end of the episode, both Stacy and Nash lose their respective girlfriends, marking it up to the "Bridges curse."

With a recurring lesbian character and a same-sex kiss, a gay wedding and a number of other gay references and plotlines throughout its first season, Nash Bridges is becoming one of the most inclusive programs on television, realistically weaving lesbian and gay characters into the San Francisco-based show's landscape. Unlike NBC's Suddenly Susan, another San Francisco-based television show, Nash Bridges has repeatedly been inclusive in its representations. Our community deserves inclusion in the plots, especially on shows based in a city with such a large lesbian and gay popu-

Please thank CBS for this quality programming and encourage them to develop Stacey's character.

Contact: Leslie Moonves, President of CBS Entertainment, CBS, 7800 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90036, e-mail: marketing@cbs.com.

When Love Turns Mean

Through the diary of one gay man, a front-page February 9 article in the San Francisco Examiner exposed the nightmare of lesbian and gay domestic violence. When Mark Ankeles died suddenly of a heart attack in December at age 50, "a death that family, friends, legal advocates and counselors consider related to the [18] years of abuse, he left behind a shattering legacy [his diary]," according to the story. Quoting a spokesperson from Community United Against Vio-lence (CUAV), the local agency fighting anti-gay violence, the article says that, "The gay community has been reluctant to speak about or report domestic violence, fearful of police or public reaction." The lengthy piece tells of Mark's struggle with abuse and his eventual escape from his abuser, including excerpts from his diary and stories from friends and family.

Going beyond statistics and statements from counselors, the ar-

ticle goes to the heart of the issue of domestic violence without shying away from one person's tragic story. The estimated 500,000 gay male survivors of domestic abuse in the United States deserve to have their story told, and media coverage will hopefully prevent others from similar attacks.

Please commend the Examiner for this unflinching, sensitive and compelling story

compelling story.

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Four Boys Kissing

Two recent sitcom episodes featured reluctant male same-sex kisses. On the January 23 episode of NBC's sitcom The Naked Truth, two straight men posed as gay and engaged in lip-locking. Two regular characters, Nick (Jonathan Penner) and Dave (Mark Roberts), are "outed" as gay to their boss, Les (George Wendt) by a co-worker. Les tells the two that he wants them to sit with his father at the Superbowl to educate him about gay men. To get the tickets, Nick and Dave play along, acting affectionate, but a coworker almost blows their cover. Les says they have to prove they are gay by kissing. They do after a little protesting, and to Nick's surprise, Dave won't let go. When Nick reacts to Dave's passions, Dave responds, "You loved it and you know it." On ABC's Spin City's February 11 episode, Carter's (Michael Boatman) dreams of reconciliation with an ex-boyfriend (Luke Perry) are dashed when Perry tells Carter he has "decided he is straight" and is getting married to a woman. In response, Carter drags Mike (Michael J. Fox) into a charade in which the two of them act as if they are a couple, and includes a kiss between them. Mike acts shocked by the kiss and goes over the top in his discomfort, but in the end lets Carter know that he'll always be there for him.

The shows represents network television's progress towards networks allowing gay male same-sex kissing. While lesbian couples have recently broken through the barrier, in made-for-TV movies such as Serving in Silence: The Margaret Cammermeyer Story and Two Mothers for Zachary and on ABC's drama Relativity, gay men, such as Matt on Melrose Place, still settle for hugs. First it was two straight men, then a straight man and a gay man who are pretending to be partnersmaybe next time it can be two gay or bisexual men who really mean it. The presentation of male same-sex kissing is critical to our community's realistic representation, and destigmatizes portrayals

of our love.

Write NBC and ABC and let them know that this sexual charades and sexual orientation play is appreciated, and encourage them to expand portrayals of same-sex kisses to characters expressing true love and affection.

love and affection.

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Sacramento wins an Oscar for March Event!

John Batchelor MGW/Staff

Travellin Mr. Flash is back in Sac! After writing for both January editions of MGW, yours truly missed February all together. Ain't that the way. Hopefully diligence will prevail in March. Please read on... Save Oscar Night March 24 for SAF! This Monday night "Hollywood Affair" benefits the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

tion.
And what a night it will be. Rumor has it that this River City event may even outshine the Academy Awards themselves! How wonderful to have an event that will at least match the grandeur of this showbiz tradition. The black tie gala at the Hyatt Hotel features the john Skinner Big Band and a hosted bar and dinner. For ticket information, call SAF at 448-2437 x228.▼▼▼ In order to get ready for Academy Award night, it's mandatory that you attend my ballroom lesson and social on March 7. The Central United Methodist Church at 53rd & H Street is the place on the first Friday of every month for my Gay and Lesbian Ballroom Dance Night. What a huge gang we've been getting.▼▼▼ Get well wishes (somewhat delayed) to square dancer Greg Gomez. Mr. "G" had his appendix removed not long ago. I can now say without hesitation that he is truly a "cut above" the other men in town...heal fast.▼▼▼ And speaking of a cut above...Women-check out "Secrets" at Sonoma Bar & Cafe the first Friday of the month. This is a stylish, later crowd on Fair Oaks Boulevard near Howe Avenue. Why not attend my ballroom Dance and then head over to "Secrets?" Both events are great social alternatives. February Birthday wishes to Kevin Webb, SMCer Art Katz,

February Birthday wishes to Kevin Webb, SMCer Art Katz, Clogger Scott Vorhees, former Sacramentan Stephan Crow, businessman Ed Condon, half centenarian Harriet Joaquin, contractor Kathy Haberman, Gary Chapman turned 50!! Happy March Birthdays to Capitol insider Ron Gray,

illusive Steve Sanchez, CMGer Brian Polejes, Mercantilen hallof-famer Ernie Brown, calendar boy George Fox, infamous MGW writer Sonja Cox, famous MGW photographer Pam Coffey, florist Keyth Cameron, the lucky retired Shirley Kammeyer, Mr. Cheeks & Chaps Russ Marsh, Kurt Fowler, Mark Viviano.♥♥♥ Joseph's Town & Country (JTC) is moving this spring. In a search for the ideal location, JTC may plant solid roots on El Camino and Business 80 near the Tower Gallery. Stop by and check out the progress. VVV And speaking of bars, the happy hour crowd is anxiously awaiting the renovation at the Town House. Since January, the downstairs of the popular bar has been closed because of a fire. Observers believe the damage is minor. In the meantime, the upstairs is open for business as usual (Kareoke and all). We are all wondering if there will be any changes downstairs? A new theme? Maybe a Go-Go cage?▼▼▼ SAGA V is teaming up with SAF and CARES for the annual Capitol Bowl-A-Thon on March 15. Join the gang at Land Park Bowl for fun, raffle, surprises and three great causes. Come out and make a difference. The Names Project sewing Bees are held on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of every month. Info: 484-4164.▼▼▼ On the "couple" front, Ron McCormack and Luke Wyman have tied the knot. You may know Ron from the Lambda Center's "Men's Coming Out Group." Best Wishes to these two sweeties. Until next time...stay well, stay involved...John▼▼▼



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by D.K. Akai MGW /News Editor

Atlanta Bombing Condemnation

HRC asks Clinton, conservative leaders to condemn bombing of leshian nightclub

The Human Rights Campaign has asked President Clinton and leaders of conservative religious political groups to speak out against the bombing of a lesbian nightclub in Atlanta on Friday February 21. Five people were injured, including one who was hospitalized.

Federal investigators in Georgia speculated that the explosion could be the work of a serial bomber also responsible for the bombing of a family planning clinic five weeks ago.

clinic five weeks ago.

Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell called the nightclub bombing a hate crime and ordered extra police protection at other gay nightspots in the city.

Pro-Gay bills outnumbered

A Washington Blade survey of the 50 state legislatures has found that 40 pro-gay bills and 48 antigay bills have been filed during 1997. None of the measures has yet become law; most are still awaiting committee votes and some have already died or been voted down.

Of the 48 anti-gay bills introduced, 39 of them seek to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages. The other nine anti-gay bills are spread over three categories: "no promo homo" bills which seek to ban discussion of gay issues in public schools; bills which seek to ban gay people from adopting children or providing foster care; and "parental rights" bills which aim to give parents the right to inspect any educational materials their children use in schools.

Of the 40 pro-gay bills introduced, 12 seek to provide increased penalties against the perpetrators of hate crimes based on the victim's sexual orientation. Nine bills seek to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation in the workplace; three seek to ban such discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations. Seven seek to establish some form of domestic partner benefits in the state. while five bills seek to legalize same-sex marriages. Two bills seek to allow gay people to adopt children; and two bills seek to protect gay students from harassment in public schools.

- The Washington Blade

Pedal for the Cure plans under way

Pedal for the Cure, an October/November 1997 ride across America to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is seeking volunteers. You can sponsor a rider, ride yourself, or be a part of a logistics support team (medical, massage, communication, bike repair, route planning, RVs, photography, etc.).

For more info about the Pedal, call EMO @ 619/754-6747 or e-mail eventsrus@aol.com.

2 gay films slated for 1997; Etheridge to star as Joplin

Gay-themed films slated for release in 1997 include *In and Out,* with Kevin Kline as a teacher who is outed against his will.

A splashier, more glamorous motion picture scheduled for re-

lease next year will be *Total Eclipse* with David Thewlis and Leonardo Dicaprio as the French poets Paul Verlaine and Arthur Rimbaud, who had a brief and tempestuous lave affair in the late 19th century.

Another film to watch for now slated for release next year will be the biographic film of 1960s star Janis Joplin, with Melissa Etheridge in the title role. Actor Brad Pitt has also reportedly agreed to portray a very young Kris Kristofferson in the film.

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Southeast Area Community Planning	open filing	3 residents of area

City of Sacramento

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Applications will be accepted from the date the filing period begins until the closing date at 5 pm. On the second Wednesday following the closing of the filing period, the Board of Supervisors will consider the applications during the regular Board meeting. If a majority of the Board members present decide interviews ar necessary, applicants under consideration will be interviewed. Info: 440-5411; Sac. Co. Bulletin Board System (BBS) via personal computer 441-0122, 441-1135.





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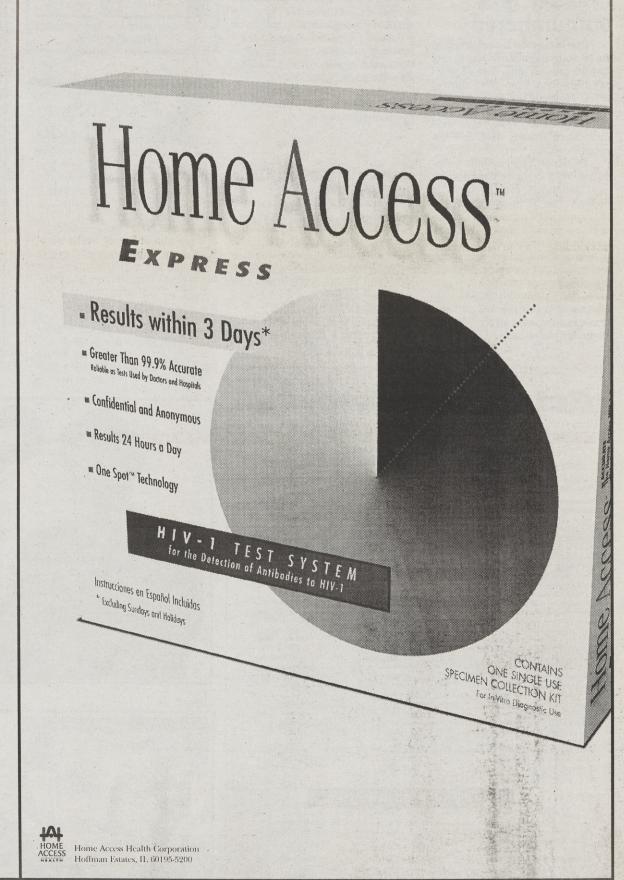
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HOW MANY S'S IN HOLLYWOOD?

Louganis on Television March 19

Nicholas Hytner is back directing theatre with 'The Cripple of Inishman' at London's Royal National Theatre. Written by Martin McDonagh, who's being compared to Brian Friel, the play has been receiving praise-worthy reviews even from the mostly jaded British press. VVV It will be the Divine Miss M cooking eggs & bacon in a maribou trimmed negligee for the movie version of 'Green Acres'. Bette Midler's production company has secured the rights to the successful CBS series. If only Eva Gabor were still alive, she could play Lisa Douglas's mother, dahling. ▼▼▼
Gay slueth Stanley Kraychik

is out, literally in one more novel by Grant Michael. This latest work from the Boston author is called, "Time To Check Out" and takes place in Key West, Florida. (can you say "Cliche"?) Grant's first Kraychik novel, 'A Body To Die For' had been optioned for filming but rever materialized. Other but never materialized. Other books featuring this Gay Jessica Fletcher include 'Love You To Death', 'Dead On Your Feet' and 'Mask For A Diva'. VVV
On March 3, the cast of the hit

musical 'Rent' will honor its late creator Jonathan Larson with a benefit show at New York's Nederlander Theater. Among the guest performers are Judy Collins, Mary Chapin Carpenter and Molly Ringwald (I didn't know she could sing or dance so maybe she'll just stand and mope).

V'Evita' star Johnathan Pryce,
who played Lytton Straycee in the film 'Carrington' is set for the Arch-Villan role in the next James Bond film. It's about a sadistic Gay industrialist called 'Goldenfist' Just kidding, ... about the name that

The new FOX TV series 'Pauly' starring the Weez, Pauly Shore comes from the team of Stan Zimmerman and Jim Berg. Those unfamiliar with the duo may know them as the Gay writers who penned that famous Lesbian kiss episode of 'Roseanne' a few years ago (back when the show use to be good.) Though professional partners only, the two serve as both Executive Producers and Writers

on the new series. One early episode features a horde of drag queens or is that a bevy of drag queens, and a beefy solider with the hots for Pauly. Maybe we'll find out the real meaning of his expression, "Buuuuu-deeee". VVV
One has to wonder what Gay

influence has take over ABC's <u>'Step</u>
By Step'. Bronson Pinchot has joined the cast as a French hairdresser named Jean-Luc Riepeyroux and muscle bound Fabio will make a guest appearance as one of his clients.

Poor Bronson, always being typecast. Maybe he can get a role as a murderous manicurist on The X-Files'.

The USA Network debuts 'Breaking The Surface: The Greg Louganis Story' on March 19. Former teen star Mario Lopez (Saved By The Bell) stars as the 4-time Olympic diver who overcame a difficult childhood and competitive challenge only to battle AIDS as an adult.

Fireside/Simon & Schuster publishing have released 'A Funny Time
To Be Gay' by Ed
Karvoski Jr. The book looks at Gay & Lesbian

comedy routines and viewpoints from famous and lesser-known comics. Words of wisdom and mirth are provided by Kate Clinton, Bob Smith and the everdelightful Suzanne Westenhoefer.

Victor/Victoria alumnus, lyricist Leslie Bricusse returns to Broadway with the long awaited musical 'Jekyll and Hyde'. The show is familiar to many due to a previously recorded concept album which featuring the talent of Colm Wilkinson. Others may have seen an earlier version of the show in a limited U.S. tour. ▼▼▼ On Saturday, March 15th, KQED-TV presents the world premiere of the 90 minute documentary, 'The Castro' at the historical Castro Theatre in S.F. The film is the third in the series 'Neighborhoods: The Hidden Cities of San Francisco' and details

full of immigrant Europeans became an international center for Gay culture and liberation. Appearing in the project are Names Project Founder Cleve Jones, Daughters of Bilitis Founders Phyllis Lyon & Del Martin and comedian Marga Gomez. Oscar winners Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman served as creative consultants on the project.

In writer/director Kevin Smith's upcoming romantic comedy, 'Chasing Amy', a straight man falls in love with a Lesbian. No

Billy Bob Thorton and Daniel Lanois

this is not the Lou Diamond Phillips biography! ▼▼▼ 'A Very Brady Sequel' about the stuck in the 70s Brady family and featuring a cameo by RuPaul is now out on video.▼▼

The producers of 'Serving In Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story', Craig Zadan and Neil Meron are developing a film of Randy Shiltz book 'Conduct Unbecoming: Gays & Lesbians in the U.S. Military' for Showtime. They duo are also planning a CBS project called 'What Makes a Family' about a Lesbian's battle to regain custody of her daughter. Other Showtime news is the cable network is seriously working towards a sequel to the successful PBS miniseries 'Tales From The City'. It's about friggin

Jodie Foster has purchased

the motion picture rights to Margaret Atwood's best seller 'Alias Grace' about a girl convicted of murder. VVV A Foster freeze could be in store for the relationship between Jodie and her brother Buddy. This May will see the re-lease of a biography on the Oscarwinning actress called 'Foster Child' scribed by her brother. Something tells me Jodie won't be buying the film rights to this one.

The movie <u>'Sling Blade'</u> has garner much attention with the best actor nomination for its star Billy

Bob Thornton yet few are aware of its Gay angle. In the low-budget film, John Ritter (Threes Company) a sensitive gay man named Vaughan who lives in a small Southern town.

The 15 edition of the S.F. International Asian American Film Festival takes place March 6 - 13 and includes a number of Gay/Lesbian entrees. Among them are 'Comrades', a documentary about Gays and Lesbians living in China, 'Queer Potion #9' a compilation of Gay short films from the U.S., U.K. and Germany and 'Shopping for Fangs' in which a blond Asian waitress has a crush on a Gay pretty boy customer.

How do you say fag hag in Japa-

Producer/director Scott Rudin (Clueless), currently working on the film 'In and Out' starring Kevin Kline as a Gay teacher, is also co-producer of the new Stephen Sondheim musical called 'Wise Guys' about two brothers in-

volved in the Florida land boom of the 1920s. ▼▼▼ The London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival holds court at the National Theatre in South Bank March 13 - 27. ▼▼▼ S.F.'s Castro Theatre will feature 5 daily showings of the new film 'Boys Life 2' March 7 - 12. This follow-up to the 1995 hit is a compilation of Gay short films. The four stories include 'Trevor' about a 13-year-old Gay boy, 'Alkali, Iowa' which looks at a young farmer coming to terms with his own sexuality, 'Nunzio's Second Cousin' looks at a gay cop who takes ven-geance on a Gay basher and 'Must Be The Music' which focuses on 4 L.A. friends on a night on the town. On March 14 - 16, the theatre will show Ken Froelich's 'The Toilers and the Wayfarers'. The story of 2 Gay boys whose lives in a small mid-west town are changed by a stranger who convinces them to join him for a new life in the big

Rising Star Records of Atlanta will release 3 Lea DeLaria recordings in the months ahead. The first will be out in May and was recorded at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joynt in San Francisco. Titled 'Box Lunch', the CD will feature. Lea comedy act while the following releases will be a combination of comedy and song. ▼▼▼ Canadian playwright Brad Fraser (Wolf Boy) is developing a partial sequel to his previous work 'Poor Superman' as well as a musical version of Craig Russell's movie 'Outra-

▼ENDQUOTE▼

Ninety percent of men masturbate, 80 percent of women masturbate and the rest lie." former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders



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Lambda Freedom Fair Committee Seeks Entertainers for June Event

Planning for 1997 Lambda Freedom Fair is underway and fair organizers are currently seeking Entertainers for the Sacramento gay pride event to be held at the State Capitol June 7. The first planning meeting is March 10, 7:30 p.m. Volunteers needed. Those interested in performing in this year's Freedom Fair should submit an audition tape (audio or video) to the Lambda Community Center; Attention Lambda Freedom Fair Entertainment Committee 919 20th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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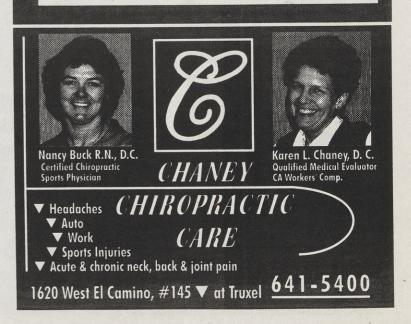








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ENTERTAINMENT

San Francisco "Aida": A Tepid Night on the Nile

by Wayne R. Anderson MGW/Staff

The SFO closed its 1996-97 season with a routine production of Verdi's "Aida". The singing and acting were not bad, but they never is

tered around the SFO debut of soprano Michele Crider as the Ethio- belting out the final B-flat with no pian princess. While the role was attempt at diminuendo. Afterward not beyond her, she was hardly he loosened up somewhat. His memorable in it. Her singing was voice is pleasant enough but of only most effective in the softer passages, moderate size, so the dramatic asso the Nile Scene suited her best, pects of the music lacked exciteand she sang it well. "O patria mia" had its share of limpid floating tones, but the fearsome high C was Aida's rival Amneris with a belted out with a clarion ring, un- mezzosoprano of cavernous prolike the soft dolce that Verdi wanted. She managed to be heard in the loud passages, but her tone sounded was not her strong point, but she forced and colorless. The voice just did provide some much-needed did not seem to have the depth of support a dramatic soprano needs. Noble was a blustery Amonasro Her acting gave us an Aida who huffing and puffing all over the was pathetic and nothing more; a stage. As the high priest Ramfis, princess should also have some Francesco Ellero d'Artegna's strong backbone to sustain interest. In addition, her excessive obesity did not as was that of Chester Patton as help the characterization and was Pharaoh. not compensated for by glorious singing.

placing Fabio Armiliato who was the life-or-death tension as the mesill, sang a lyrical but small scale senger announced that the Ethiopi-Radames and cut a masculine stage ans were invading Egypt in the first

Considerable interest cenget through "Celeste Aida," doing ound the SFO debut of solittle modulation with the aria and

Nina Terentieva sang portions at the bottom but with some wobble on top. Subtle acting excitement. Baritone Timothy smooth bass was a pleasure to hear,

Donald Runnicles' conducting brought some scenes to life. Tenor Walter Fraccaro, re- For example, one could really sense figure. He seemed relieved just to scene. But ensembles were particu-



"AIDA" new production at San Francisco's Civic Auditorium, Februrary 8 - 23. Pictured bass Francesco Ellero d'Artegna (Ramfis) with tenor Fabio Armiliato (Radames) and members of the corps de ballet.

larly troublesome as the singers sang to different parts of the house. Because the stage of the Civic Auditorium protrudes out into the theater, singers on oppo-

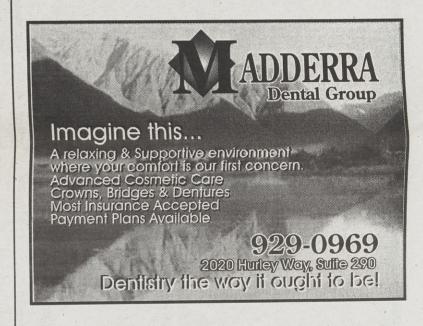
site sides were singing away from each other so their voices did not blend at all. The costumes were attractive and the sets made good use of the spaces available. The ballets

were ludicrous as the dancers jerked around spastically as though they were about to fall off the steps. In between they assumed ridiculous poses.



Dale Scholl Dance/Art celebrates Women's History Month with Women's Voices...Women's Dance

Dale Scholl Dance/Art continues its fifteenth season with a program of dance in celebration of Women's History Month. Women's Voices...Women's Dance opens Wednesday, March 5 and plays thru March 15. Performance begin at 8 p.m., Dancespace, Solano Hall, California State University, 6000 J Street. Info: 451-3732.





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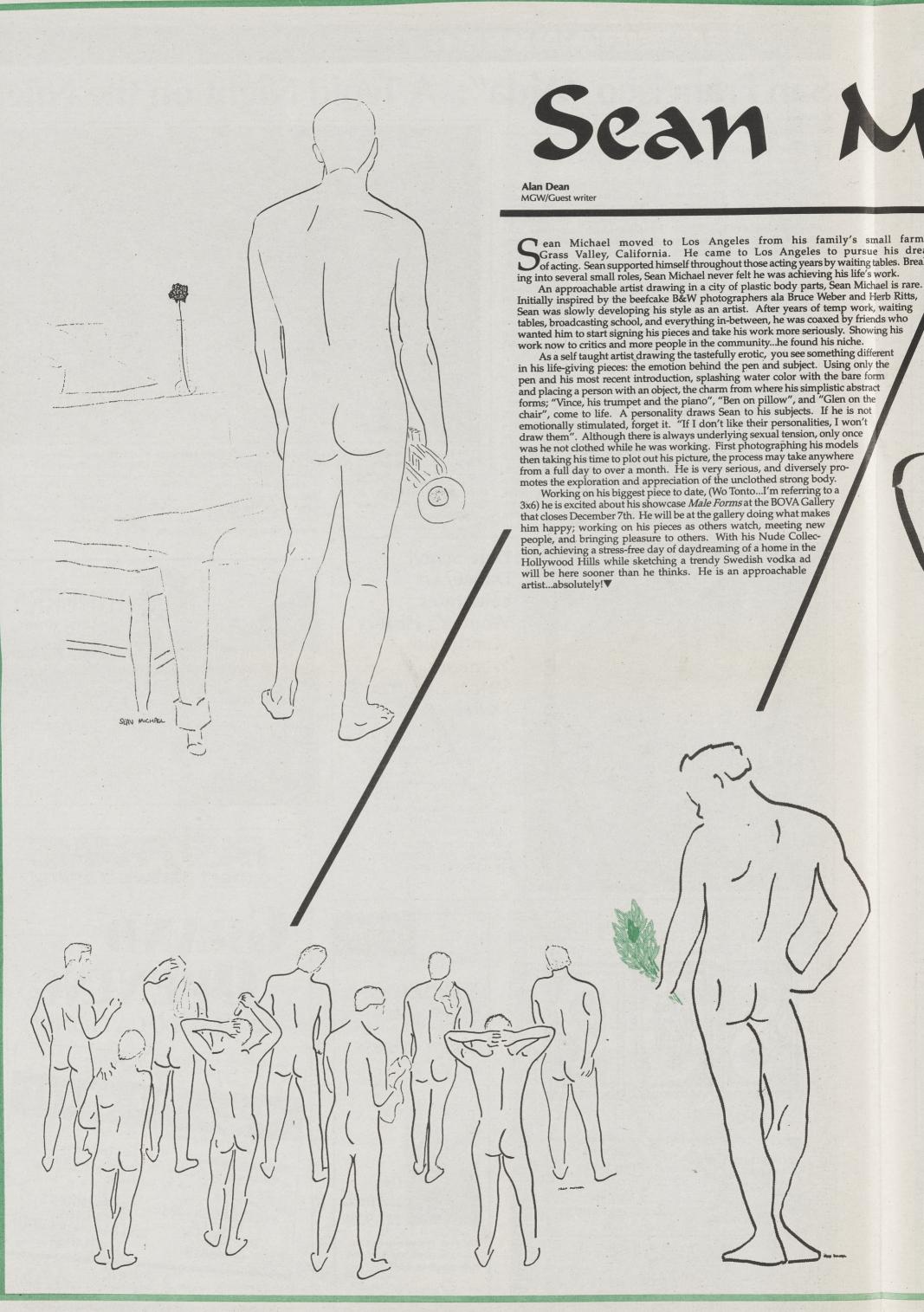
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No rest stop

by Stefan Grunwedel (MGW/Staff)

Lost Highway: Starring Bill Pullman, Patricia Arquette, Robert Blake, Balthazar Getty, Robert Loggia. Directed by David Lynch. (135 min.)

avid Lynch is not everyone's director. He has said that he en oys making films that contain clues and are mysteriousunderstood intuitively rather than obvious or totally explainable. In Lost Highway, Lynch has fashioned a "21st-century noir," complete with paranoia, people in dangerous situations, and lots of things that only happen at night.

At times creepy, suspenseful, in- takes yet another turn. Pete works triguing, funny, and gross, this film in a garage (Richard Pryor makes a defies easy explanation. Just when brief appearance as the owner), you think there's a plot you can follow, something happens that a gangster type, Mr. Eddy (Loggia), shouldn't-or couldn't-and you're sent into a spiral of disorientation that makes you want to Pete appear to function as each wake up real fast. This cinematic other's alter egos. Their experiences nightmare involves Fred Madison are similar but also opposite. The (Pullman), who thinks his wife intersection of their paths lies in Renee (Arquette) is having an affair. Arquette and the appearance of the But then someone leaves mysteri- mysterious man. Does Lost Highous videotapes of their home on way succeed? It does a great job of their doorstep, which reveal that they've been spied on, even while sleeping. Fred meets a rather sinister man (Blake) at a party, who can seem to be in two places at the jarring elements (especially ambisame time. It's unclear whether this man is an aspect of Fred's consciousness or is perhaps death himself. It's clear he's spooky, though. Suddenly Fred is accused of the also doesn't get to do much more murder of his wife—and the videotape is incriminating evidence. After he's locked up, someone else wear you out, but you may also feel appears in his place in the cell—Pete strangely invigorated afterwards. Dayton (Getty), who clearly has no Call 777-FILM for theater reason to be there. After Pete is showtimes. freed, what discernible plot there is

where he's the favorite mechanic of who sports a blonde femme fatale (also played by Arquette). Fred and creating an appropriately bizarre world, and builds up suspense at all the right places. However, for all its experimentation, its repetition of ent sound) verges on the formulaic and eventually becomes tiresome. The film probably should've run twenty minutes shorter. Arquette than bare her chest. Lost Highway is a bit of an endurance test. It may



Patricia Arquette plays two mysterious women in David Lynch's Lost Highway.

"Bound", "Ellen", "Spin City", and "Chicago Hope" **Nominees in Ceremony**

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation announced the nominees of its 8th Annual GLAAD Media Awards on March 16 at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles, March 26 at the National Press Club in Washington DC, and March 31 at the Sheraton Hotel

in New York. The GLAAD Media Awards were created in 1989 to honor individuals and projects in the media and entertainment indusitries for their balanced and accurate representations of lesbians and gay men and the issues that affect their lives. The GLAAD Media Awards are sponsored in part by Absolut and American

Airl ines.
Bruce Vilanch is receiving the Stephen F.
Kolzak Award, one of GLAAD's highest homors. Vilanch has co-written the last seven Aceademy Award broadcasts in addition to collaborating with Bette Midler for the last 25 years. The award was named for Stephen F. Kolzak, a highly successful casting director who devoted the last part of his life fighting AIDS-phobia and homophobia within the entertainment industry. Foremer Stephen F. Kolzak award winners include Sir Ian McKellen aznd Pedro Zamora

The 1997GLAAD Media Award Nominees are:

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Outstanding Film Documentary:

Outstanding Television Comedy Series:

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Outstanding Television Drama Series:

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Outstanding Television Journalism: MTV News - General Coverage Nightline - Witchhunts At Hickman AFB Turning Point - "For Better or Worse 20/20 -"Two Women and a Baby" 20/20 -"Mom, I'm Lesbian"

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New York Times-"Shunning 'he' and 'she' They Fight for Respect" San Fransisco Examiner- "Gay in America

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GAY VIDEO PICK

by Stefan Grunwedel

Menage: Starring Gerard Depardieu, Michel Blanc, and Miou-Miou. Directed by Bertrand Blier. (84 min., French, 1986)

Family values are turned inside-out in this outrageously wacky sexual farce that takes demonic delight in its vulgarity, misogyny, and demented sexual mores. A feuding and poverty-stricken couple, Antoine and Monique (played by Blanc and Miou-Miou), meet a bombastic and dangerously exciting Bob (Depardieu), who promises them riches if they help him burglarize wealthy homes. After showing much affection for Monique, burly Bob suddenly falls hopelessly in love with mousy Antoine-much to Monique's surprise-and the three live together in rather strained harmony. (Source: Images in the Dark by Raymond Murray.)▼



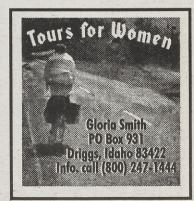
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ABC Reconsiders **Ellen Hiatus** With Move To New Night And Timeslot

Following a campaign initiated by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) to keep ABC-TV's Ellen on the air, the network announced that the sitcom would not be placed on hiatus, as it

had originally intended.
Instead, Ellen will be moved to
Tuesdays at 8:30 PM through April 23, replacing *Life's Work*, which is expected to be canceled. The move will make room for Arsenio Hall's new show which will be showcased in *Ellen's* regular timeslot. *Ellen* will return to Wednesday night in

time for May sweeps.
GLAAD's Entertainment Media Director Chastity Bono reports that the media watchdog organization is pleased that ABC has reconsidered its plan to give *Ellen* a two-month rest. Bono added, "GLAAD would like ABC to finally end the speculation about whether an *Ellen* coming out episode will air. The public has waited patiently but now our patience is waning."





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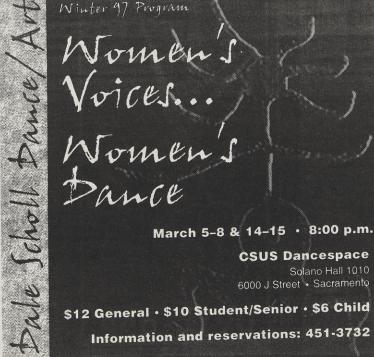


Non Blonde No More Linda Perry, former lead singer of 4 Non Blondes, will appear March 9, 8 p.m., 815 L Street. BASS tickets: 443-1855♥



Winter Party Expands Events & Salutes South Beach Winter Party 1997, one of the largest and most successful lesbian and gay fund-raisers in the United Stares, has added new weekend-long special events, and will begin Thursday, March 9th. Also added is afternoon volleyball tournament "Winter Party Smash," and a 50's Havana themed cocktail party, "Winter Party's Club Tropicana" at a bayfront Miami Beach home. (305) 460-3115.





SOUNDBITES

Beats Keep Coming



OUTTA CONTROL: OUTTA CONTROL on Interhit Records Inc. in Toronto

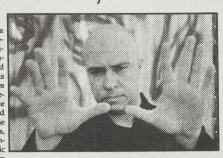
Interhit Records Inc. in Toronto
Doesn't matter where you set your laser. Drop your needle, or push your play button, your gonna love it as the programming loops itself around one word; Dance. It's consistent in providing almost 100 percent from beginning to end. Two adrenaline shots, the multi-mixed "Sinful Wishes" and "Tonight it's Party Time" (vocals by Diva Miss S.) can jump-start a dead Bee-Gee. the dance group bites off several artists with successful remixes, placing their stamp on the respective artists previous releases, as well as re-tooling a couple of their earlier releases as extended versions. Kimberley Wetmore's vocal styles provide the bow on Barry Harris and Rachid's well wrapped package.

-Reviewed by Charles Turner

Mature Audiences Only PAOLO: MYSTICMAN,

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The European baritone delivers a tapestry of upbeat Euro-Jazz Fusion. Relax as Paolo Rustichelli's soothing instrumentation tantalizes the senses as his fingers embrace the keyboard like an old friend. The international sound blends two distinctive talents, (The Late) Miles Davis and Carlos Santana. The procure-ment of either artist was a checkmate move, but the combination of Miles and Carlos optimize a distinctive sound. The work of (the late) Miles Davis is flawles while Carlos Santana's soulfully enrich-ing guitar work has no parallel. "Mystic Man" will compliment any music lovers



-Reviewed by Charles Turner

The Drag has Landed



The Drag: SATELLITES BEAMING BACK AT YOU on Island Records

The drag is clear for takeoff .5...4.3...2...1 ...
Houston we have liftoff. Set the bands controls at rhythmic melodies, check, Chance's vocals ready? Check; okay proceed straight to "Fountainbleau", alter course to "Superstar 8", their the catalyst for the five-some from South Carolina. The Island debut CD expands its horizon on "Quiet Feel". "Eat your Heart Out, and "Sterling" as these five guys have created a nucleus that feeds off itself compelling the listener to replay the compositions becoming evident, The Drag has landed, plunging their flag in the territorial dirt of Alternative/Rock....end transmission.

-Reviewed by Charles Turner

Go Home

RACHID TAHA: olé, olé on Mango

Rachid Taha's first American release olé, olé on the Mango label is missing one major American market ingredient; English. Fortunately music transcends the barriers of language, race, and cultural differences, but unfortunately prolonged listening irritated rather than motivated. I couldn't tell if he was singing about herding goats or singing a song of love. As judge, jury, and prosecution, I will say something in Rachid's defense, those that understand his language and relate to the message thru the music (with the help of his killer band) Rachid is the bomb. For the rest of us, it is a bomb of a different type. Surgically removing the performer from the music we could move the sound from critical condition to stable, but alas it slowly fades to black. Flatline, pull the plug on this one.



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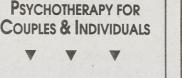
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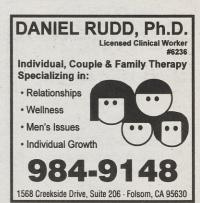
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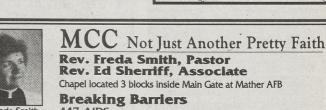
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mud puddle to race through on his way back from taking care place of choice for dog show prepaof his morning duties. No way is he coming back into the house ration or as the spot to treat an itchy with mud-splattered paws and body! Looks like a job for Launder Dog! Or, you just spent a heavenly hour to network with other dog owners,

at the dog park. It too is still show- although, Demarest assures me that ing the effects of the latest deluge and there isn't a spot on Tasha's hairy coat that isn't grimy. Yuk, who wants to take her home to the family bathtub for a much needed wash. Again, it's Launder Dog to

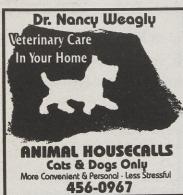
the rescue!

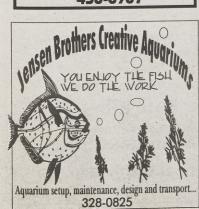
If you haven't discovered Launder Dog, you should. It is as important to the pet owner as a favorite massage therapist, hair dresser or manicurist. Launder Dog is the newest self-serve Dog Wash to hit the Sacramento area. Not a new concept by a long-shot. Even yours truly tried her hand at it a few years ago, (remember The Dog Wash?). But, this time around, entrepreneur Pamela Demarest has done everything right!

The location, 2600 Alta Arden, near the intersection of Fulton Ave., (kitty-corner from Target) enjoys high visibility as well as convenience from all areas of town. There is a reception area/gift shop compete with comfortable chairs for short waits for available tubs on busy days, with animal books and magazines to peruse.. Or browse through shelves filled with an eclectic assortment of dog and cat items, as well as a supply of "top of the line dog foods", the good stuff that our pets should be eating. Official greeters to the establishment are Kelly, Demarest's docile German Shepherd, and Chloe, the precocious Samoyed puppy.

The washing and grooming area beyond, contain the real treasures..... Waist high, skid proof rubber tubs of varying depths; accessible by ramp. The perfect setup for what Demarest describes as a "stress-free, affordable place where people can care for their pets". Ahhh, the thought of dog bathing without strained back muscles, not to mention cleaning up the mess that goes along with bath-



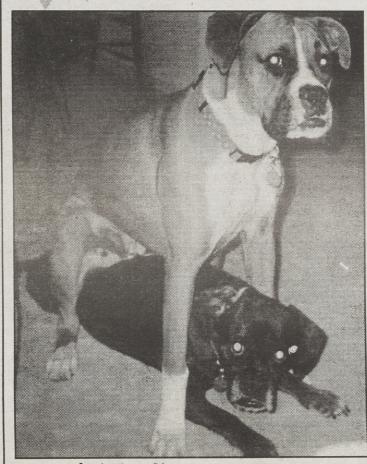




ing in the family tub. I've been Thoops, it rained all night and Rover found the largest, deepest making Launder Dog my bathing Corgi to some welcome relief from pesky fleas.

The two Occasions I've visited, I've found it a great place

MGW'S PET CHILDREN



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Tess, a 9 month old Boxer, has been sitting on 5 year old Jack since he was just a pup. Pet Mom Karen House, shared that Tess even tried sitting on Rosie, the cat...once.▼



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Demarest, who left a prestigious job with Mercedes-Benz of North America to open her new enterprise in July of 1996, wanted to work in a business that would combine her love for animals and a desire to be of service to society. The dog wash concept seemed to fulfill that need. Researching the concept and the market, Demarest chose her centralized location and looked for ways to improve on a good idea. Everything from the rubber, varying sized tubs to the style of nozzle was chosen to make the job easier on everyone.

has use of the tub, a wide choice of "botanically correct" pet shampoos and skin treatments, brushes for pre-wash grooming, shampoo brush, towels, and hand-held dryer...with no time limit! For the dog with a heavy coat, there is the cage dryer for more thorough drying. Regarding the products avail- obnoxious now that Spring is in the able for use or for sale at Launder Dog, Demarest explains that she uses only products that she would use on her own family pets.

Sacramento has embraced

Launder Dog with open arms. In fact, the business has been so successful that three more tubs are on order and should be up and ready for use prior to April 1. Demarest's records indicate that to date Launder Dog has been visited by 1100 households with an average of 2 dogs per household (add to that my six), and you have a healthy percentage of Sacramento's dog owners taking advantage of the service. She also been questioned about the possibility of franchising. Who knows, maybe we'll even see a Launder Dog in Branson, MO.

Hours of operation are 9 -7 weekdays and Saturdays, except Wednesday which has an 8pm closing time, (plenty of time for a run in the dog park and then stop for a quick clean up.) Sunday hours are - 4. Pamela and her staff are always on hand to answer questions and give a helping hand to first-timers. They'll even clip nails if you ask nicely. And I suggest a pocket full of savory treats for the dog that may be a bit nervous about the entire enterprise. After all, even a bath isn't so bad when you get re-For under \$10, the client warded. And the promise of a treat or two makes walking up the ramp less intimidating

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On the HIV front...

A repaired immune system?...

Research presented at the recent AIDS meeting in Washington, D.C., gives new promise to the possibility that the immune system severe HIV infection. A French researcher reported results of a study of eight people with a seriously suppressed immune system. After at least six months of therapy, levels of immune cells increased dramatically. Other research suggested that, while drug therapy is only effective for a short time after a patient's lymph tissue has been seriously damaged, some damage may be reversed if the therapy is started while the lymph tissue is still relatively system may not need to recover treatment for their patients. completely, researchers note. Dr. David Ho, an early proponent of Reflections...

In Loving Memory of friends lost in March

March 1987:

Ted Van Meeter

March 1988:

Cyril Tomasko

March 1990:

Kent McGeachy

David Bernt

Steven Head

Larry Porter

Raymond Avels Thomas Marvill III

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March 1994:

combination therapy using protease inhibitors, says he believes the possibility of complete eradication of HIV from a person's body is low, probably about 10 percent.

Resistance to be studied...

Glaxo Wellcome, the may be able to renew itself after maker of the world's top-selling AIDS drugs-AZT (Retrovir) and 3TC (Epivir) entered a research venture with San Diego company

Affymetrix last week aimed at gaining a better understanding of HIV's ability to develop drug resistance. The project will involve collecting and analyzing the DNA of mutated HIV strains from thousands of patients and trying to link the efficacy of current drugs to the variations of the virus. The results would be entered in a database, which physihealthy. Additionally, the immune cians could use to plan antiviral

What a difference a year makes. Looking at the "In Loving Memory" column, at the names of 16 of those who died last March (twelve of whom were personal losses to this writer), it seems joyously incomprehensible to think that we're entering an entirely different era in 1997. Whether we will look back on 1996 as the year of the revolution in AIDS treatment, it is too early to tell. For certain, significant advances were made in a year of biological breakthroughs. We can see that the statistics reflecting our losses are lower this year. We are still losing loved ones to this epidemic, but hundreds among us have been given an extended lease on their lifespan. New medications and excellent health care professionals in our lives are giving many additional time, time for further research to give us even more. May those with HIV disease sit back for a moment of reflection, and make some powerful decisions about what they might do to further increase the odds that the upcoming months and years will be healthier

seeing heavy

"We have had great response among African Americans, Hispanics, and gay men... a mirror of the groups hit hardest by the epidemic," say the makers of Confide, the home HIV test kit. The CDC says the counselors employed by the test makers get "good marks," and reports that nearly one and a half percent of the blood samples that have been tested are positive, a rate somewhat higher than was expected.

New book expert...

given in the book "Living Well With

POZ article challenges Dr.

medical advice.

HIV & AIDS' is helpful, the medi-

cal treatment information provided

is oversimplified and can cause con-

fusion, claims Jim Graham, direc-

tor of the Whitman-Walker Clinic.

He says the parts of the book stress-

ing visualization and relaxation are

helpful as a guide for people to be-

come aware and involved in their

own medical care, but suggests the

authors should have focused only

on advice about living well, not on

In the February issue of POZ magazine, researcher Mike Barr says he believes the new drug combinations not only are unlikely to lead to a cure, or even have longlasting effects, but may pose dangers that have been overlooked or gone unreported. Researcher Dr. David Ho, a developer of the 3drug-combination treatment concept, suggests that a regimen of protease combination therapy can perhaps be completely withdrawn after 2 or 3 years of therapy. Barr believes if any HIV remains, it will return with a vengence. Current tests can only detect virus above about 400 copies, so anything below is classified as "undetectible." This does not mean it is not there, he

Barr says he's also concerned for those who have taken other AIDS drugs such as AZT for a long period of time. By merely tacking on a protease inhibitor to a nucleoside combination that has already lost its punch, a person is, in effect, taking protease monotherapy, he fears

The article, entitled "The Morning After," says that while pro-tease inhibitors have indeed become a miracle for many (he estimates about 60 percent, not 85 percent as researchers suggested at last year's Vancouver conference), the drugs could become a nightmare for others through unsophisticated prescribing practices by physicians not considered AIDS-knowledgeable who may not fully understand the toxicity and specific dosage requirements. He says the combination options must be used strategically, conserving for the future as many therapeutic options as possible. With previous treatment methods (AZT, DDI, DDC, 3TC, others), far more combinations were available, but with the protease drugs, resistance is a far more serious result. Barr also discusses the fact that the technology of testing for viral load became available at the same time that the protease inhibitors came on the scene. He suggests it might be possible that previous treatments (for example, AZT and 3TC) were also producing "undetectible" amounts of virus, but we never knew it because the PCR technology to test viral load has only recently been acquired and commercialized.

New clues to cause of dementia...

Researchers at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute have reported that between 20 percent and 30 percent of people with AIDS develop some type of brain disease, causing symptoms like memory loss or loss of bodily function. They report in the journal Nature that the CCR3 and CCR5 receptors in the brain could enhance HIV's ability to infect the central nervous syste, and that people with defective CCR5 show resistance to HIV-1, suggesting that this receptor is important in HIV infection. The study identified CCR3's role in HIV infection for the first time, which could widow urges lead to new treatment strategies.

Pregnancy hormone may inhibit virus...

Scientists have discovered a compound that sets to work in the bodies of women during the first weeks of pregnancy that appears to inhibit the virus in general, and specifically inhibit development of Kaposi's sarcoma (KS). Over the years, we've watched the unpredictable and unexplainable behavior of the HIV virus. We've seen KS appear nearly exclusively in men, and much less often in the past couple of years than in the early years of the epidemic. We've seen more than

The present of babies of HIV mome.

HIV test results 75 percent of babies of HIV moms born without the virus in their bodies. And we've seen HIV in women accelerate at a quicker pace than in men. Studies continue as to why. Dr. Robert Gallo, a long-time leader in HIV retroviral research since the beginning of the epidemic 15 years ago (who once had to recant his claim at discovering the virus itself), says the mysterious compound was discovered when mice being used in KS tests did not get the cancer. Further tests showed all were pregnant females. The compound, also found in human females during the first weeks of pregnancy, was injected directly into the KS lesions of humans, and the lesions became smaller. Gallo says he and the other researchers will continue efforts to isolate and identify the element of the compound that appears responsible for the HIV suppression. At this point, he says, it would be easy to overstate or understate the importance of this discovery. They simply do not know its potential significance as a vaccine or treat-

Consumer germ warfare arrives...

Outbreaks of tuberculosis, cholera, and E. coli have been partially responsible for new products finding a receptive market among fearful consumers. Antibacterial toys, soaps, cleaning products, and cat litter are already available, with more to come. Some consumers surveyed believe these products can protect against "the flu and maybe AIDS." Antibacterial products, however, are only effective against bacteria and do not protect against HIV. Some experts are concerned that the use of such products could result in a strain of resistant bacte-

AIDS disclosure

The widow of a man who had HIV but was not told why a Mississippi life insurance company denied him coverage until nine days before his death has urged

lawmakers to pass a bill that would require such companies to reveal certain results to the "applicant, client, or other such person" who they know to have the disease.

The company knew of the man's status for nearly 4 years, but said it was not legally bound to reveal why it found him medically unsuitable

to be revealed to moms...

Hospitals in New York will be the first in the country to disclose the results of HIV tests on infants to their moms. The new mandatory disclosure policy means that hospitals are required to locate and counsel the mothers. The issue is especially sensitive because a newborn's positive HIV test also

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n February 12, Assembly Majority Floor Leader Antonio R Villaraigosa, D-Los Angeles, introduced AB 257, a bill which would add sexual orientation to other protected classes in California's Fair Employment and Housing Act. This bill revisits the issues which were addressed by the hard fought AB 1 and later AB 101 in 1991.

Housing Act currently prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national timony before committees and origin, ancestry, familial status or other groundwork to ease passage disability. With AB 257 sexual oriof the bill. However, McCormack entation is added to that list.

seriously believes that the legislation is long overdue. "Currently, almost every group is protected from discrimination in housing and employment under the Fair Employment and Housing Act," Villaraigosa said. "But for too long, gays and lesbians have not been afforded this protection. This bill rectifies this deficiency. It will bring antidiscrimination laws in this fairness and equal treatment under the law for this community, and it is long overdue."

Ellen McCormack, the lobby con- Labor Employment. siders the legislation to be "prior-

By contrast, Rep. R.C. Watts

The president deserves credit

exploited an opportunity in the

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tify discrimination against gay and

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Executive Director Elizabeth Birch.

lesbian people.

The Fair Employment and ity one." As the bill's sponsor, LIFE will be doing grass roots organizing and preparing witnesses for tesdid state that LIFE has received no Villaraigosa was approached assurances from the Governor's by Life Lobby to carry the bill but office that the bill will not be ve-

> According to Villaraigosa, "In the past, this bill has passed the Legislature only to be vetoed. I hope Governor Wilson gives this year's legislation the support it deserves. I look forward to working with him to reach what I believe is our mutual goal of strengthening state," he said.

In about 30 days the bill will be heard in either the Assembly Ju-According to LIFE's staffer, diciary Committee or Assembly

President's Call to 'Repair The Breach' Falls Short

Birch also called upon Watts, R-

Okla., to clarify a passage of his

speech in which he seemed to be

justifying faith-based discrimina-

tion against gay people. After call-

ing for an end to racial discrimina-

tion and asserting that "America

must be a place where we all...feel

a part of the American dream," he

pen by reducing our values to the

"It does not happen by trying

The Human Rights Campaign offered mixed reactions to the State

of the union address, commending the president's call to end

America's divisions while lamenting a missed opportunity to ad-

dress the nation's rift over the issue of sexual orientation.

HIV

from pg. 18

newborn's positive HIV test also reveals the mother's infection. Previously, anonymous tests were made for statistical purposes, but the results not re-

National panel speaks out...

Clean needle exchanges, safe sex education, and drug abuse treatment were officially sanctioned last month as the weapons the country must use in its fight against the AIDS epidemic. A 12-member committee of experts selected by the National Institutes of Health urged this country's government leaders at all levels to change policies that may stand in the way of "lifesaving public health strategies." Donna Shalala, secretary of the Department of Health, has been criticized by leading AIDS researchers or misrepresenting the results of six studies which revealed that needle exchange programs are effective. The ban on such programs remains, Shalala explains, because Congress requires that needle exchanges must reduce

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man Watts may have made a thinly

veiled appeal to the very politics of

fear which he had deplored in his

previous sentence," Birch said. "Like other faith-based differences,

sincere religious disagreements over

the issue of sexual orientation are

not a valid reason for unfair dis-

"I am concerned that Congress-

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crimination."

both HIV transmission and drug

Researchers point out that she could "fund needle exchanges through community mental-health block grants or any other program governed by less restrictive appropriations act language," but that "she does not have the will."

A Governor for the people...

Govenror Wlliam Weld says he not only supports legislation allowing seriously ill patients to use marijuana to ease their suffering, but he has no problém with the concept of the state growing its own marijuana for medical purposes so people aren't forced to buy "street marijuana" that may be laced with other substances, especially if the federal government refuses to supply the drug for medical purposes. Under Weld's proposals, a panel of three doctors would certify that a person who wants to use pot is suffering from an ailment such as glaucoma, severe asthma, nausea caused by radiation or chemotherapy, AIDS, multiple sclerosis, lupus, or arthritis. The certification would serve as a defense against prosecution for possession of the drug. V

The Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization

even years ago, the Ancient Or der of Hibernians banned the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization from the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York. Seven years ago, gays and lesbians were excluded from the parade. Seven years ago, it was still standard for many families to shun their lesbian and gay children. There is still a national movement of reconciliation as L&G people have increasingly demanded to be treated with dignity and respect. There are people in the Ancient Order of Hibernians who are L&G and many AOH members have L&G children and grandchildren. Today, we have extended the olive branch of peace to the Ancient Order of Hibernians; Let us focus not on our differences but focus on what we have in common: our heritage. Let us join together as one united Irish community, one Irish family, and march together up Fifth Avenue, on St. Patrick's Day

Some feel that their Catholicism keeps them from recognizing Irish L&Gs as a part of the larger Irish community. There is nothing in Catholic doctrine that says you can't march on an avenue with a lesbian or gay man. There is nothing in catholic doctrine that says that L & Gs are to be excluded from their families and larger ethnic commu-

L&Gs have become an intrinsic part of the St. Patrick's Day parade. The intimate and eternal relationship between Irish L&Gs and the rest of the Irish community can be one of unity and reconciliation. It is inevitable that L&Gs will march in this parade. There was a time when women could not march on St. Patrick's Day, when African Americans could not march. This year could be in year that Irish lesbians and gays march up Fifth Avenue without facing the humiliation of arrest and handcuffs; 1997 may be the year that the Ancient Order of Hibernians proudly leads a parade free of strife on the Irish Na-

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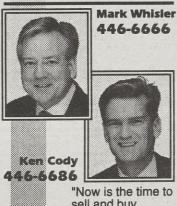
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SATURDAY

AIDS INTERFAITH NETWORK NETWORK DANCE AND ORGAN CONCERT

Crockett-Deane Dance Ensemble & Jack
Miller, Pioneer Congretional Church 2700 L

St., 443-3727 **BEING GAY TODAY**

Channel 17, 10am

BARBARA HIGBIE, DAVID BALAKRISHNAN WITH NINA GERBER

8pm, IMA Center 585 Salmon Crk Rd. Bodega, 707/876-3004

SAC. CAMELLIA SHOW Sac. Conv. Center 14th & J Sts., 264-5181

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199
SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS ANNIV. DINNER & CONCERT

6:30pm, St. Ignatius Parish Center 3235 Arden Way, 481-3224 S.F. DOG TRAINING CLUB
Cow Palace, Geneva & Santos Sts, Daly City

SUNDAY

ALTA PLAZA BAR PRESENTS: 7pm, Si Perkoff, 2301 Fillmore St., S.F., 415/ 922-1444

CA. SYMPHONY CONCERT
7:30pm, Dean Lasher Arts Center 1601 Civic
Dr., Walnut Creek, 510/943-SHOW DYKES OUT TOGETHER

Planning Meeting, 649-3043

BARBRA HIGBIE AND DAVID BALAKRISHNAN

"Musical Improvisation", 12 - 3pm, IMA
Center 585 Salmon Crk Rd. Bodega, 707/



Gina Livingston performing live at Sacramento Sudwerks Friday, March 7 at 10 p.m. and Saturday, March 22 at 10 p.m.; CSUS Coffee House on Tuesday, March 18, and at Andiamo's in Folsom on Saturday, April 12 at 9 p.m.

THE PALMS PRESENTS:
Ferron With Barbra Higbie, 7pm, 726
Drummond, Davis, 953-3485 SAC.-SIERRA REGIONAL COMMITTEE/CA. GREEN

12 - 4pm, El Dorado County Main Library 345 Fair Lane, Placerville, 444-9189 UC DAVIS PRESENTS: Jackie Torrence, 2pm, 757-3199

MONDAY

ALTA PLAZA BAR PRESENTS: 7pm, Dana Atherton Duo, 2301 Fillmore St., S.F., 415/922-1444 SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS

CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199 SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS 6:30pm, 424-4411

TUESDAY

CA. SYMPHONY CONCERT 8pm, Dean Lasher Arts Center 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek, 510/943-SHOW CONSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE PRESENTS:

7:30pm, CRC's Jazz Ensemble, 8401 Center Parkway, 688-7234 SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE 3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 12pm, 456-2722

THEATRE

The Acting Company, Love Letters, thru Mar. 2, 815 B St Yuba City, 751-1100

River Stage, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Apr. 17 - May 18; Fresh Off The Boat, Jul. 10 - 27; Consumes River College, 688-7364

Ruth Rosenberg Dance Ensemble, Dancescapes, May 2nd - 10, 457-7733 for details

7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847

5 WEDNESDAY

GOOD VIBRATIONS PRESENTS:

"Lesbian Sex: Nuts & Bolts", 8 - 10pm, must pre-register, 1210 Valencia S.F., 415/974-8980

LGBA GENERAL MEETING

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS

MCKINIEV Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199
UC DAVIS PRESENTS:
Lady Smith Black Mambazo, 8pm, Center Theater, 264-5181

VALLEY BEARS MEETING Wreck Room 2513 Broadway, 7pm, 535-5050

CRIS WILLIAMSON & TRET FURE LIVE Freight & Salvage, 510/548-1761 WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP 7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

THURSDAY

ALTA PLAZA BAR PRESENTS:
7pm, Dana Atherton Duo, 2301 Fillmore
St., S.F., 415/922-1444
BEING GAY TODAY
Channel 17, 10pm
GOOD VIBRATIONS PRESENTS:
"Erotic Reading Circle", 2504 San Pablo
Ave. Berkeley, 510/841-8987
LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP

Auburn's DeWitt Center, 7pm, 632-7080

THE THIRD STAGE PRESENTS:
Spring Concert '96, Veteran's Memorial
Theater 203 E. 14th St, Davis, 756-3949

FRIDAY

BAY AREA CAREER WOMEN MEETING Canterbury Hotel 750 Sutter St., S.F., 415/ 495-5393

BEING GAY TODAY Channel 17, 4pm CALIFORNIA HUMANITIES ASSOC. CONFER-

San Francisco, 415/338-2132

COMMUNITY FOR RESPONSIBLE LIGHT RAIL 7pm, Belle Cooledge Comm. Ceter, 484-5644

CONSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE PRESENTS: CRC's Jazz Ensemble, 8401 Center Parkway, 688-7234

GINA LIVINGSTON LIVE 10pm, Sudwerk 1375 Exposition Blvd., 925-6623

THE PALMS PRESENTS:
Cris Williamson & Tret Fure, 726
Drummond, Davis, 953-3485
SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE
3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 6pm, 4562722

S.F. BAY WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER

CLUB Alameda County Fairgrounds, Bernal Ave. Pleasanton, Ca.

SATURDAY

BEING GAY TODAY
Channel 17, 10am
"CHALK IT UP" FUNDRAISER AND ART SHOW
8 - 11pm, 1511 Del Paso Blvd.
DYKES OUT TOGETHER
Snow Play Day, 923-2117
G/L SIERRANS
Cross Country Skiing, 668-0691 or 92

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GREATER SAC. AREA COUPLES General Meeting & Game Night, 723-8644
TEAM BASS TOURNAMENT AT EDGEWATER

RESORT

8 - 9, Lakeport Chamber of Commerce,
6420 Soda Bay, Kelseyville, 707/279-0208

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199

SUNDAY

ALTA PLAZA BAR PRESENTS: 7pm, Si Perkoff, 2301 Fillmore St., S.F., 415/922-1444

WINTER PARTY SOUTH BEACH Miami Beach, Noon - Sunset, 1-800-695-0880

MONDAY 10

ALTA PLAZA BAR PRESENTS:
7pm, Dana Atherton Duo, 2301 Fillmore

Sacramento Ballet, A Midsummer Night's Dream March 20-22, 1997; Raggedy Ann & Andy March 23, 1997, 1631 K St., 552-5800.

St., S.F., 415/922-1444

GREENMAKER RIDGE WINEMAKER DINNER 6pm, City Treasure Restaurant 1730 L St., 447-7380

ORTHODOX LENT BEGINS
SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199
SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS
6:30pm, 424-4411

St., S.F., 415/922-1444 BEING GAY TODAY Channel 17, 10pm

GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER 8 - 11pm, The Edge, S.F., 415/985-5200

WOMEN IN BUSINESS SEMINAR "Power Publicity", 7:30 - 9:30am, 1410 Ethan Way, 563-3210



Jerald Silva's untitled graphite on paper selection and other pieces on display; "Something Off The Wall", Solomon Dubnick Gallery, 2131 Northrop, Sacramento; February 20-March 29.

TUESDAY 14 11 FRIDAY

GOOD VIBRATIONS PRESENTS:

"Erotic Reading Circle", 8 - 10pm, 1210
Valencia S.F., 415/974-8980 AC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE 3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 12pm, 456-2722

SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE 7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847

WEDNESDAY

CAMPING WOMEN LASER TAG NIGHT Call by Mar. 8, 395-2007 GOOD VIBRATIONS PRESENTS:

"Lesbian Sex: Nuts & Bolts", 8 - 10pm, must pre-register, 1210 Valencia S.F., 415/974-8980

SAC. BOAT SHOW 12 - 16, Cal Expo, 801/484-5630

BAY AREA RODEO ROUND-UP Faces new Sac. River Resort, BBQ, Auction, Entertainment, 415/985-5200 **BEING GAY TODAY**

Channel 17, 4pm GREATER SAC. AREA COUPLES Couples National Network Convention, Las Vegas, 925-6658

SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE 3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 6pm, 456-2722

ST JOHN HEALING CIRCLE Sponsored By OASIS to give support to HIV AIDS issues, Church of St. John the Evange-list 1661 15th St. S.F., 415/861-1436

SATURDAY

AIDS WALK NEW YORK



Diane Patterson Xtet plays The Palms Playhouse, Friday, March 28 at 8:30 p.m.; one show only. CD Fundraiser Concert! Info: 756-8502.

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP

7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

THURSDAY 13

ALTA PLAZA BAR PRESENTS:
7pm, Dana Atherton Duo, 2301 Fillmore

BAY AREA RODEO ROUND-UP Faces downtown, BBQ, Auction, Entertainment, 415/985-5200

Channel 17, 10am

BEING GAY TODAY

"Fashion Forward" Rummage Sale, 9am - 3pm, Lambda Comm. Center 919 20th St., 442-0185

MELONNEE DESIREE LIVE 7:30 - 9:30pm, The Open Book 910 21st St., 498-1004

KOSHER WINES/WINE NOTES

8pm, Sponsered by Sac. Jewish Forum, Sac. Capitol Club 400 Capitol Mall, 6th Floor, 486-0906 THE PALMS PRESENTS:

Judy Fjell & Crystal Reeves, 726 Drummond, Davis, 953-3485

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Old Sac., 922-3688 SUNDAY

ALTA PLAZA BAR PRESENTS: 7pm, Cami Thompson with Si Perkoff, 2301 Fillmore St., S.F., 415/922-1444

MONDAY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

ALTA PLAZA BAR PRESENTS:
7pm, Dana Atherton Duo, 2301 Fillmore St., S.F., 415/922-1444
SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS

CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199 SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS 6:30pm, 424-4411

TUESDAY

GINA LIVINGSTON LIVE 7pm, CSUS Coffeehouse 900 J St.

PFLAG MEETING Speaker Will Green, 7:30pm, St. Mark's Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, 771-3800 SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE
3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 12pm, 456-

SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE 7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847

WEDNESDAY

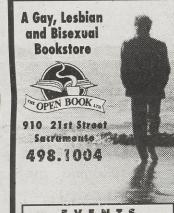
CSUS WIND STUDIES PROGRAM PRESENTS: 8pm, Symphonic Wind Ensemble & Concert Band, CSUS

GOOD VIBRATIONS PRESENTS:

"Lesbian Sex: Nuts & Bolts", 8 - 10pm, must pre-register, 1210 Valencia S.F., 415/974-

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199

WEST WEEK '97 19 - 20, Pac. Design Center, L.A., 310/657-



EVENTS CALENDAR

ART Reception-Sat, Mar. 3, 6-9pm, Art of Randel McHone MUSIC-Sat, Mar. 15, 7:30pm,

BOOKSIGNING-Sat, Mar. 21, 7pm, Rachel Miller "The Bliss of Becoming One" BOOKSIGNING-Sat, Mar. 22, 7pm, Charlotte Higgins "Blue Monday"

ART Exhibit - Month of March, Art of Randel McHone

POETRY - Every Tuesday, 8pm,

ART GALLERIES

BIG ART, "Pictures Taken, Pictures Found" by Katherine E. Sivers, Mar. 5 - Apr. 4, 1928 L St., 446-2740

BLOOMING ART - MIDTOWN, "Romance Of The Land", Jan St. James, thru Mar. 1; Big Bang: Life - Big Bang: Universeby Nance Leikhim, Mar. 2 - 29, 1901 Capitol Ave., 442-3800

BLOOMING ART - THE VILLAGE, Distant Hills by Laurie Winthers, Mar. 3 - Apr. 19, 962-3800 CALIF. PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR, Ander-CALIF, PALACE OF THELEGION OF HONOR, Anderson graphic Arts Collection, thu May 18; Masterpieces from The Pierpont Morgan Library, thru Apr. 27, Bouquets to Art, Mar. 17 - 21, John Martin Paintings, May 10 - Aug. 3, Roy Lichtenstein Prints/ Anderson Collection, May 31 - Oct. 19; Nathan Oliveira Monotypes, Jun. 14, Artists Prints, Crown Prints Press, Oct. 4 - Jan 4, 1998; 34th Ave. & Clement St., San Francisco, 415/863-3330.

Clement St., San Francisco, 415/863-3330.

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART, Photographs by Greg Fledderman, thru Mar. 8; Group exhibition including John Landgraf & Jane Nichols, Mar. 21 - Apr. 26; Retrospect of Laureen Landau, May. 10 - Jun. 14; New Work by Nadada, Sept. 13 - Oct. 11, 1516 Del Paso Blvd., 444-9624

CROCKER ART MUSEUM, Thomas Hill Oils, thru Mar. 9, Netsuke! Form and Fashion from Edo Japan, thru July 6; Rodin Sculptures, First week of May, 216 O St., 264-5423.

O St., 264-3425.

DE YOUNG MUSEUM, The Enjoyment of African Art:
Masks and Sculptures from the Michael R. Heide
Collection, thru March 1997; If The Shoe Fits, thru
Jul. 13; The Peale Faimly: Creation of a Legacy,
1770-1870, thru Apr. 6; Life and Afterlife in Ancient
Peru: Treasures from the Museo Arqueologico, Rafael
Larco Herrera, May - Aug.; Youth Arts Festival, May
7 - 11; Jeffrey Appleby Collection of Andean Tex-

tiles, Jun. 21 - Aug. 10, Art Of The Americas: Identity Crisis, Jul. 26 - Nov. 16; Masters Of Light: Dutch Paintings from Utrecht in the Golden Age, Sep. 13 -Nov 30; Morgan Flagg Collection, Oct. 18 - Jan. 1998: Art Of The Americas: Art and Ethnography, Nov 30; Morgan Flagg Collection, Oct. 18 - Jan. 1998: Art Of The Americas: Art and Ethnography, Dec 6 - Mar. 1998; Treasures of the Tervuren Museum, Feb. 21, 1998 - Apr. 31, 1998; John Stuart Curry: Invading the Middle West, Jun 13, 1998 - Aug. 30, 1998; The Wealth of the Thracians, Aug. 8, 1998 - Oct. 11, 1998, 75 Tea Garden Dr. S.F., 415/750-3614

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GALERIA DE LA RAZA, Chico MacMurtie: Growing Into Your Cultural Skin, Mar. 11 - Apr. 26; UFW/ Strawberry Fields Exhibition (title TBD), May 6 - Jan. 14; Isis Rodriguez: My Life As A Comic Stripper, Jun 24 - Aug. 9, Alex Donis: My Cathedral, Aug. 19 - Sept. 27; Dia de los Muertos, Oct. 7 - Nov. 8; Bazaar Navideno, Nov. - Dec. 24, Studio 24 2857 24th St., S.F., 425/826-8009

GALLERY Q, Group Showing of Various Artists, thru April 5, 1808 Del Paso Blvd., 929-7090 MICHAEL HIMOVITZ GALLERY, Scott Adamson "Start-ing Out", Michael Bishop, "Laden Condition", Kate Monson, "Three Eyes", thru Mar. 28; Lennmara, Gwen Manfrin, "Forbidden Fruit", Apr. 2 - May 3,1020 448-8723

K-ZEE'S FRAMING & GALLERY, Mike Rahn, "Export Yourself!" thru March, 2315 J St., 498-9212 MUMS RESTAURANT, Drawings & Paintings by Cori Kelly & Penelope E. Clement, "From The Heart" by Carol Stensrud, thru Mar. 16, 2968 Freeport Blvd., 444-3015 RICHARD I. NELSON GALLERY & FINE ARTS COL-LECTION, Michael Tompkins, thru Mar. 21; Fred Wilson (Tableaus), April 13-May 16; Annual Master of Fine Arts Exhibitions, May 30-June 27, 124-125 Art Building U.C. Davis, 752-8500

THOMAS A. OLDHAM GALLERY, "Full Circle" Hannah Hunter, "Sight Sing" Tom Witt, thru Mar. 1, 1729 L St., 444-9624 QUICKSILVER MINE CO., Patricia Davis, Frank Schueler Exhibit, thru Apr. 6, 154 N. Main St Sebastopol, 707/829-2416

SHENANDOAH GALLERY, New Works by Katherine A Venturelli, thru Mar. 10, 12300 Steiner Rd. Plymouth, 209/245-4455

Plymouth, 209/245-4455

SOLOMON DUBNICK GALLERY, Watercolor and Bronze Sculpture by Jerald Silva, thru Mar. 29; "Brand New Funk" by David Gilhooly & Paul Di Pasqua, May 1 - 31; Ceramics by Tony Natsoulas, Paintings & Ceramics by Maija Peeples, Jun. 4 - 28; Introductions 1997, Jul 3 - Aug. 2; Creative Obsession by Stuart Buehler & Don Reich, New Works by Gary Pruner, Nov. 6 - 29, 1997, New Works by Irving Marcus, Jan. 8 - 31, 1998; New works by Jack Ogden, Feb. 4 - 28, 1998, 2131 Northrop Ave., 920-4547

ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH, 31st Ann. Regious Arts Festival, Apr. 12 - May. 4, Goethe Hall 1723 L St., 444-0874

L St., 444-08/4
UNIVERSITY UNION EXHIBITS, "Out Of The Woods", thru Mar. 7; "Woman To Woman", Mar. 10 - Apr. 4; Alice Fong, "Connecting With Nature", Apr. 7 - May 2; Student Purchase Awards Show, May 5 - May 22, CSUS, 6000 J St., 278-6595 VIEWPOINT GALLERY, 5th Ann. Open Juried Ex hibit, thru Mar. 28, 551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd.

CALL GALLERY FOR HOURS, ETC.

Sacramento City Actors Theatre, A Streetcar Named Desire, thru Mar. 22; Tales From Beatrix Potter, Mar 9 - Apr. 19; Arms And The Man, Apr. 18 - May 17, 3835 Freeport Blvd., 558-2228 American River College Theatre, The Effect On Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds, Feb. 28 - Mar 9; All My Sons, Apr. 25 - May 4, 4700 College Oak Dr., 484-8234 Sacramento Light Opera Association, The Phanton Of The Opera, Jun. 17 - 22; Will Rogers Follies, Jul 7 - 13; The Desert Song, Jul. 14 - 20; Can-Can, Jul 21 - 27; Oliver!, Jul. 28 - Aug. 3; Damn Yankees Aug. 4 - 10; My Fair Lady, Aug 11 - 17; Oklahomal Aug. 18 - 24, Music Circus 1419 H St., 557-1999. The B-Street Theater, Subscriber tickets on sale now. Italian America Reconciliation opens April 13; Dis-gruntled Employees opens Aug. 17; 2711 B St., 443-5300

Broadway Playhouse, Chocolate Factory, Feb. 28 - Mar. 8., 4010 El Camino Ave, 483-2775 Aug. 18 - 24, Music Circus 1419 H St., 557-1999.

Sacramento Repertory Theatre, The First, thru Feb 22, 1997; Stories About The Old Days, Mar 7-Apr 5, 1997; Special One Man Show: Hal Williams, To Be Announced; The Wiz, May 2-24, 1997; One Act Festival May 29-31, 1997; Hunter Jun 20-Jul 26, 1997, 5101 Lawrence Dr., 457-8827.

Sacramento Theatre Company, The Comedy of Errors, Mar. 4 - Apr. 27 at McClatchy Mainstage; Orphans, Apr. 1 - Jun. 8 at Stage Two; Burning Patience, May. 13 - Jun. 8 at McClatchy Mainstage. 443-6722. Celebration Arts, Ephemera: Three Plays By Women, thru Mar. 29, 4469 D St., 455-2787 CSUS Theatre Arts, La Chunga, Mar. 6 - 16, Playwright's Theatre; Once Upon A Mattress, April 10 - 20, University Theatre; Masks, Circles: Healing The Pain, May 1 - 11, Playwright's Theatre, 278-

D & D Productions, Tony N' Tina's Wedding, thru March 29, Capitol Plaza Ballrooms 1025 9th St., 557-9644

443-6722

Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, And What, Give Up Showbitz, thru Mar. 9, Woman In Mind, Mar. 14 - May 11, A Day In Hollywood, A Night In The Ukraine, May 16 - Jul. 6, Murder Among Friends, Jul. 11 - Sep. 14, Forever Plaid, Sep. 19 - Nov 23, The 1940's Radio Hour, Nov. 28 - Jan 11, 1998, 12401 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, 985-6361

Gent Theatre Zho All In The Timing, thru Mar. 2, Davis Art Center 1919 F St. Davis, 759-7129

Rancho Cordova, 985-6361

Geery Theater, dRAW PiNKY: I Just Wanna Wear My Head, Mar. 8 - 15, 2130 L St., 448-9019

River Stage, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Apr. 17-May 18; Fresh Off The Boat, Jul. 10 - 27; Consumes River College, 688-7364

Center 1919 F St. Davis, 759-7129

Woodland Opera House, Inherit The Wind, thru Mar. 1; Tirntypes, Sept 5 - 27; Much Ado About Nothing, Nov 7 - 29; Steel Magnolias, Jan. 30 - Feb. 21, 1998; West Side Story, Mar. 20 - Apr. 11, 1998; The Sensuous Senator, May 15 - Jun. 6, 1998, 666-9610

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MASTER CALENDAR Apr. 12 & 13 Let the community know about your 1997 event now! Send info to MGW, 1725 L St. Sac., 95814. Apr. 26 May 30 - Jun. 1 May 23 - 26

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Women's Fishing Club forming. Kim, 454-

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Submissions Sought

Alyson Publications is seeking submissions in Lesbian & Gay Fiction, Lesbians: Nonfiction erotic, and Gay men: Nonfiction erotic. Deadline: May 31, 1997. SASE for guidelines to Anthology Guidelines, Alyson Pub. 6922 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 1000, L.A., CA. 90028

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209-222-4875 Sierra Foothills x4/1

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Miscellaneous

Bakersfield Gays Wanted
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I have a friend living in Bakersfield and she's desperate to find some lesbians and gay men to socialize with. Mary is 35, a business owner, into horses, and lots of fun! Call me

owner, into horses, and lots of fun! Call me if you know any coupled or single people and I'll get them together. Linda Birner, 441-6397 tfn
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MGW wants You!
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office during weekdays. Come on in and join
the fun! 441-6396.

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Old cameras wanted for decorating MGW offices. 441-6397.

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Recycle Your Porn!
I pay cash for those old male mags stashed in
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Small collections OK. 484-5855 x3/1
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Motorcycling to Alaska, Jume/July. returning
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Publishers Assistant We're looking for a super-human being.

If you're still reading, you might be the wizard we want. That means you're a PC literate diplomat who can handle stress without becoming stressed out, enter combat without being combative, and communicate with people without being patronizing.

In addition, your a veritable workaholic with moxie, an innovative self starter, a hustler (...not the kind on the street corner), crazy about the gay/lesbian community and the non-gay community. Strong skills; Computers, Wordperfect, Pagemaker, administration, managerial skills, english journalism skills helpful, 60 wpm, bookkeeping, etc. Full time, competitive salary. Cover letter and resume to MGW Newspaper, 1725 L St. Sacramento, CA 95814

> Lesbians Over 55 Wanted Nancy Nystrom will be in

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President Charles L. Collins is on the Board of the Family Research Institute (Paul Cameron's scientists group) with Lou Sheldons's Traditional Family Values. During Sacramento County hearings several years ago regarding AIDS, they testified against having gays work for them.

Burger King:

National owner has donated large sums to anti-gay and fundamentalist far right religious zealots. Local owner Joe Lal destroyed Sac. News & Review's papers and newsstands in 1994 because of Gay & Lesbian personal ads.

Carl's Jr.:

Owner Karl Karcher has donated large sums to anti-gay causes.

Curran, Hitomi **Marketing Agency:**

Owner Marilyn Curran wrote to MGW and demanded to be taken off the PR mailing list. MGW routinely mails copies of the newspaper to all ad agen-

Calvary **Christian Center:**

Rev. Phillip G. Goudeaux is active in hate with Rev. Lou Sheldon.

Lithographics:

16th & J St. Owner refused to work with Joan Greenfields' First Blush Lesbian Greeting Cards.

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Mail to: MGW Newspaper, 1725 L St., Sacramento 95814

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MEN SEEKING MEN

CIAO BELLA MR. BUTCH Goodlooking Brn/Brn GWM, 25, 6'1", 180, seeking GHM, GWM for fun or relationship? Into history, art, romance, cuddling, documentaries. Seeking dominant mate, that likes to love. Must be 35 or

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FRIENDS FIRST

younger. Must be attractive. (3/1)

SWM 6'4" 175lbs, brn, hazel. New to area, left cars with ex. Like garage sales, quiet evenings, super clean. Have small, very loving dog. I live in McKinley Park area, friends first. (3/15) **© 1697**

MASCULINE IMAGE

Good attitude, strong values, healthy, hairy, non-smoker, 40ish, sports-minded, professional. You: non-scene to mid 40's all of the above and more. Seeking LTR. all of the above and more. Seeking E. Hairy blonds, redheads an option plus. No bi-curious or professional ad answerers. (3/15) **©1698**

PROACTIVE LIFE, INACTIVE PRIVATE LIFE

Couldn't wait for life partner. New business in Sierra, great shape, masculine, outdoor sports. 32 WM, 6', 180, adventurous, soulful. Need similar guy who shares similar traits& can teach more. Sex required, male experience not. No hopefuls. (3/15) **©1699**

BEAR SEEKS BEAR

Sincere guy 50, 5'10", 240lbs, looking to meet sincere chubby guy for friendship and more. Prefer masculine types. (3/15) @1700

OVER HERE!!

German GWM, 6'3", 180lbs, 18, blond/ green is looking for that fun guy 18-25 around 6'-6'5". No drugs/cigarettes and straight-acting a +. Don't sit around, get that phone and call now! LTR possible if you're the guy. (3/15) ©1703

SEEKING HOT RELATION-

SHIP

GWM 43, 5'10", 185 in shape. I feel like I am 30, look 36, HIV- WLTM GWM 25-35 with good body build, in shape, who is working. Please no games. (3/15) @1702

COUNTRY MAN

GWM looking for same. I am handsome, versatile, (mild to wild) fun, horse, large dog and more. (2/15)

Use additional sheet of paper if necessary

Daytime Phone: _

HANDSOME

Well built, 33 yo Latin male wants your friendship. Please be clean, honest, giv-Happy New Year! Mentor qualities us. ©1718 a plus.

SEEKING YOUNG GUYS

Looking for young men 18-25 who like dating older men. Me: 41 GWM. WLTM young men who are tall. thin. have long hair, and are well-endowed. You be willing to meet and do serious playing around. (1/30) ©1677

INEXPERIENCED 20YO GWM I'm 5'11", 175lbs, blond hair, blue eyes, Hiv-. I enjoy working on cars and playing full contact sports. I'm seeking an attrac-tive, Hiv-, GWM who enjoys spending time with men in their own age group. (1/30)

SEEKING QUALITY MAN

Sincere GWM, 6'2", 185lbs, 33, blond/blue, professional is seeking another quality guy who's tired of the games and is looking for more than one-nighters. I'm outgoing, adventurous, & romantic. If interested, be daring and call.

IT'S TIME...

I've been living alone too many years. Need a buddy to share the everyday and special things. Me: 45yo, 5'9", 170lbs, red hair, blue eyes, beard & moustache. You: 35-50, any race. Height, weight proportionate. (1/30)

PROFESSIONAL YOUNG MAN Sexy bodybuilder, very attractive, seeks stable, secure, straight-acting young guy for LTR. Must be not-your-average gay. I am athletically masculine. You be too. You like movies, walks, coffee shops, the Zone, and sports. You have swimmer's build. (1/30) **©1678**

YOUNG HISPANIC

BiWM 35, young thinking & acting, would like to give relaxing massage to 18-22 HM. Friendship also. You teach me spanish too. (1/30) **©1679**

SWM

SW Male, goodlooking (40), 5'7", 170lbs. Living in Bush Alaska, looking for same (25-40), Hiv-, similar interests of dog sled racing, fishing, hunting, writing, Arctic tundra, and lifestyle. (2/15)

BIG GENTLE BEAR

GWM, 40, 6', 260lbs, stocky & strong, overeducated white guy seeks creative, playful, handsome & fun loving GM's & BiM's for mutual pleasure, friendship, and possible relationship(2/15)

HOLD HANDS

Share a sweet GWM, early 40's look young 30's, 200 solid/stocky Libs, 5'11", bearded, masculine, brwn/blu looking to meet Bi/GWM 20-40 who enjoys music, laughter, good food, life. Seeking men in Auburn, Sac, Placerville area.UB, NS, stable, employed, masculine-straight OK 3/1 ©1694

GWM 31

WLTM young black boys 18-30. UB tall, big in size and serious minded in meeting and playing. Serious callers only. Me 31 GWM and very willing. 3/1 **©1690**

OLD AND HANDY

GWM 50, masculine, furry, good-looking, good shape, and adventuresome. WLTM other masculine, experienced men my age or older. For mutual exploration. Couples at. (1/30) ©1681

SOMEWHERE OUT THERE

Someone waits for me. Hopefully over 40, ht/wt proportional & assertive. I'm 5'10" 185#, brn/hzl, 60-look younger. I seek active lifestyle, LTR.4/1 ©1717

EVILEST DEVIL CHILD WANTED

Learn "his" pleasure & secrets. Only want

YOU'RE THE MAGNET

I'm the steel. Me: 29 you masculine, very attractive, witty, honest, sincere and hu-morous. Open minded and accepting. Seeking lonely hearts who are 27-32 you desiring a lasting friendship, romance, and possible LTR. N/S, N/D.4/1 @1723

FRIENDS AND MORE!

GWM 5'2" 140# with brown hair, blue eyes. Looking for friends and something else too! Ages 28-45 yo. x4/15 **©1729**

SEEKS SLAVE

Top seeks submissive for S/M fun, games, maybe more. Small, dark, uncut; each are pluses. No age limits above 10 yo. Beginners welcome. x4/15 ©1727

LOOKING GOOD

Attractive, in shape, GWM, 38, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5' 7", 160#. Seeks aggressive top 18-45 for regular encounters. Any race. x4/15

LESBLANSSEEKING LESBLANS

OUTSIDE WANTED

Spring is approaching! Release me from my couch! I'm a 50 GWF. Sports fan, dog lover, camper,. Likes cooking, the ocean, quiet talking time. UB same. NA/ND/NS Lets meet & chat over our needs & similari-@1724

GREAT SMILE!

SBF 5'10" 136 Fun, loving, outgoing, attractive, intelligent, honest student. Loves basketball and kids. UB 21-30yo trustworthy monogamous, N/D N/S, HT/WT proportionate soft butch/femme. (3/15) ©1695

LONELY IN SACRAMENTO

How do you meet women in Sacramento? GF WLTM GF 30-40, honest, secure with self, athletic. I am all the above plus strong, sweet, sexy and full of good surprises. Any race, no bi's, deposit is required for children (3/15)

SEARCHING

57 year-old GWF in search of GF 45-60 to

share life, love, friendship and happiness for a LTR. I'm a bass fishing addict, enjoy the outdoors but also enjoy quiet times, a good bottle of wine, Dungeness crab, cooking and cuddling. I'm not a dyke or a femme, just me. If any of these interests appeal to you, please give me a call.(3/13/14) @1704

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NEWLY SINGLE

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Trying to get through the holidays with a smile on my face. If you are a soft, hand-some, butch type lady, 35+ and have dark hair, call me. I'm already smiling just dreaming about you...(1/30) @1675

JUST FRIENDS

CURIOUS AT WFDC

M.Johnson, see you around WFDC when you come to make deliveries. If you see ad, let me know, interested in possible friendship (3/1) **©1689**

MALE SEEKING LESBIANS

Attractive guy would like to be friends with a lesbian/bi couple or single girl. I find you very interesting, I just want to learn more. I am kind, healthy and understanding. Fun or interesting talk sounds great to me. (4/1)

NEED SISTERS

SGWM needs loyal friends to hang with. I enjoy movies, music, window shopping and the outdoors. I relate to attractive, intelligent, open-, minded people and treasure them. N/D, N/S. Let's meet for Latte.(4/1)

BI ENCOUNTERS/ **VARIATIONS**

GENERATION X

SBBiM, 23, looking to venture outside of Vallejo. ISO 21-30 y/o who are into the club scene. (2/15) **©1688**

FLIRTATIOUS BI DAY

Curious Bi night. Fun and adventurous 20yr, Bi-curious, college student. Brn/ ptn, 571 th proportionate, mature, and feminine. No kids, butches, etc... (2/15)

MASSAGE ME PLEASE

I work my body hard at the gym and I really need a full body massage. If you have experience then please give me a call. WM attractive and straight, ex-pro sports jock. Please only those who work hard.

WOULD YOU?

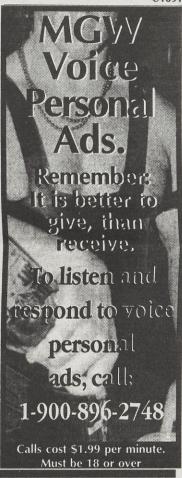
Hi! I'm sorry but I'm not lesbian. I'm a 29 year old gay male professional, decent and honest, who wants to spend his life with a male partner. Would you marryme?4/1

I SAW YOU

ANNETTE

I met you at the Melissa Etheridge concert. We were to meet again at Faces. By the time I got there the line was too long. Couldn't get in. I would love to see you again. Call me. -Marci- (3/1)

@1691



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☐ Bi Encounters/Variations

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 A "word" is any group of letters or number surrounded by spaces. For a term containing a hyphen (-) or a slash(/), count 2 words if the term exceeds 8 characters (including the hyphen or slash). Do not write your ad only in capital letters.

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